



All Star Season

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MIKE HARGROVE

Age: 47, born October 26, 1949 in Perryton, TX

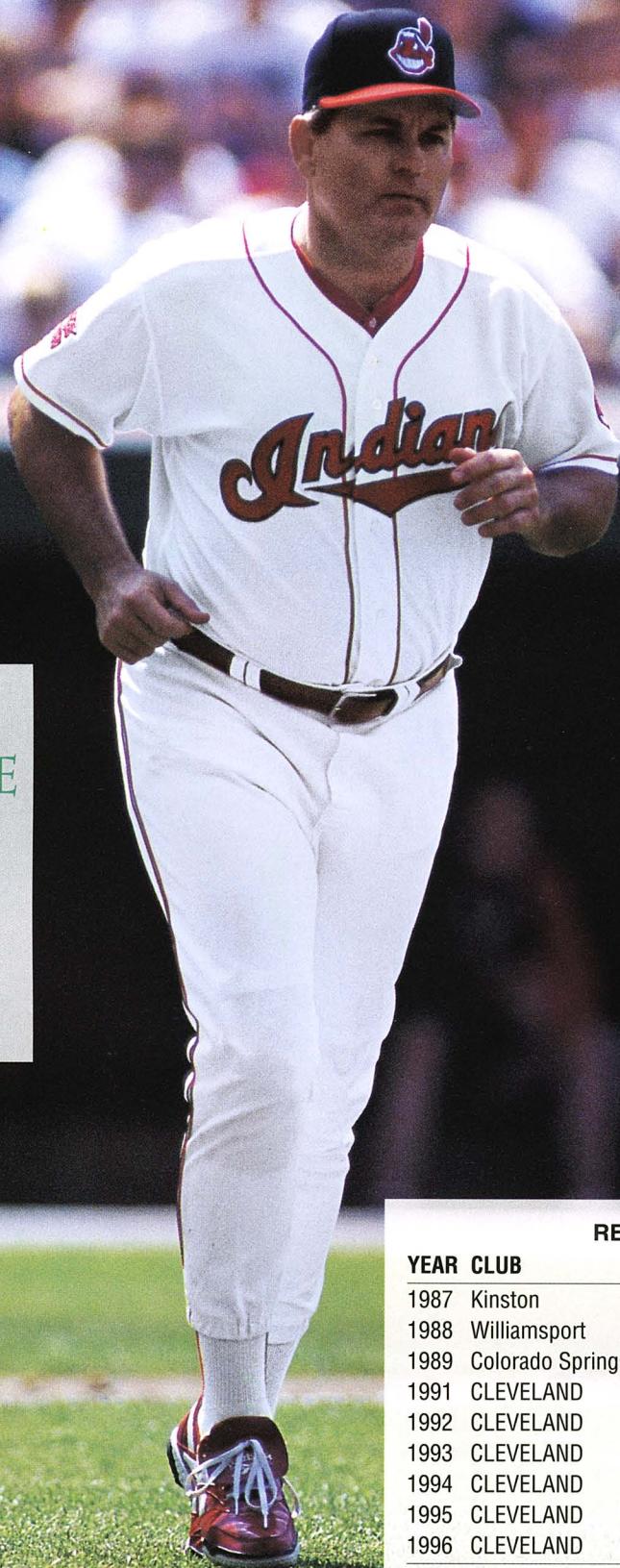
Position: MANAGER

Bats: L

Throws: L

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 215



RECORD AS MANAGER

YEAR	CLUB	LEAGUE	POSITION	W	L
1987	Kinston	Carolina	6th	66	73
1988	Williamsport	Eastern	2nd	75	65
1989	Colorado Springs	Pacific Coast	2nd	78	64
1991	CLEVELAND	American	7th	32	53
1992	CLEVELAND	American	T4th	76	86
1993	CLEVELAND	American	6th	76	86
1994	CLEVELAND	American	2nd	66	47
1995	CLEVELAND	American*	1st	100	44
1996	CLEVELAND	American #	1st	99	62
TOTAL				668	580
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS				449	378

*American League Champions

Central Division Champs

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JOHNNY GORYL

Age: 63, born October 21, 1933 in Cumberland, RI

Position: Infield Coach

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 190

Resides: Apopka, FL

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LUIS ISAAC

Age: 50, born June 19, 1946 in Rio Piedres, PR

Position: Bullpen Coach

Bats: R

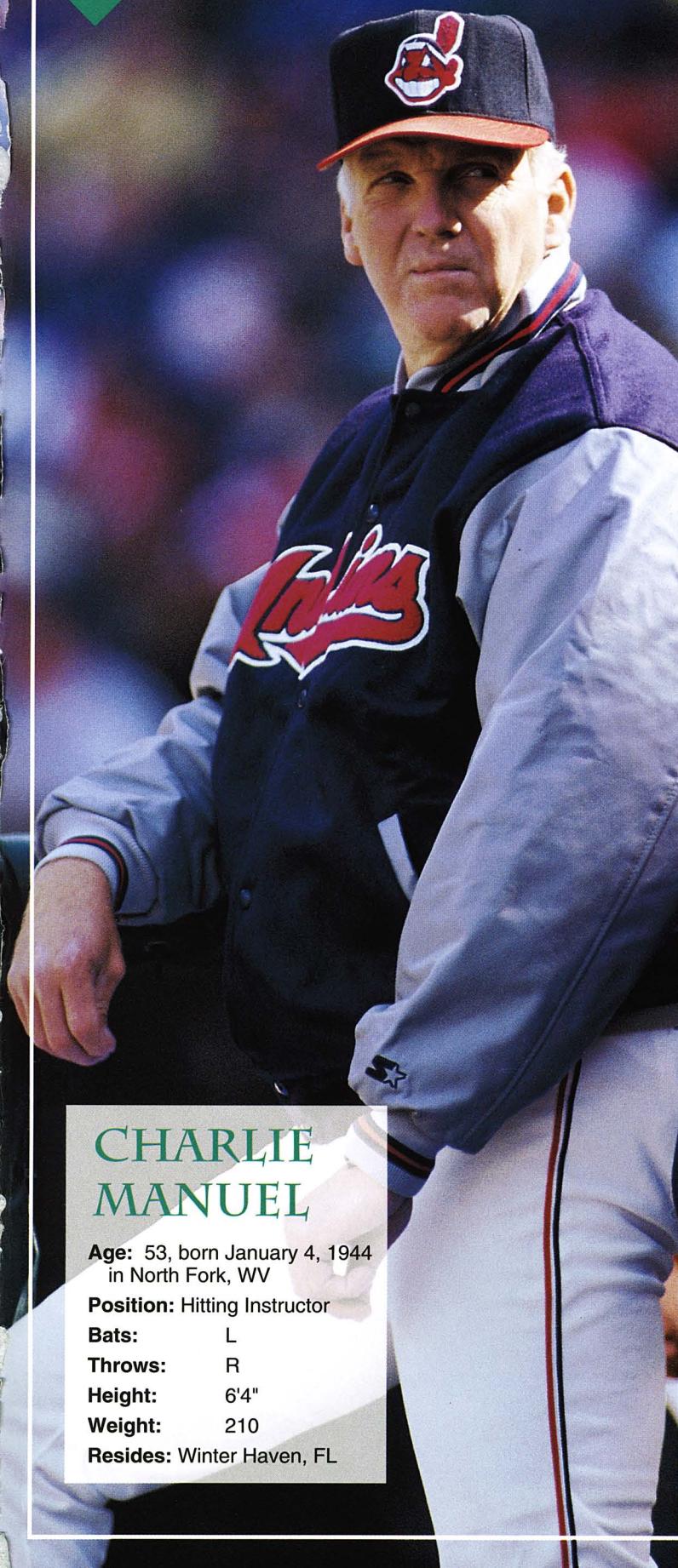
Throws: R

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 195

Resides: Carolina, PR

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CHARLIE MANUEL

Age: 53, born January 4, 1944
in North Fork, WV

Position: Hitting Instructor

Bats: L

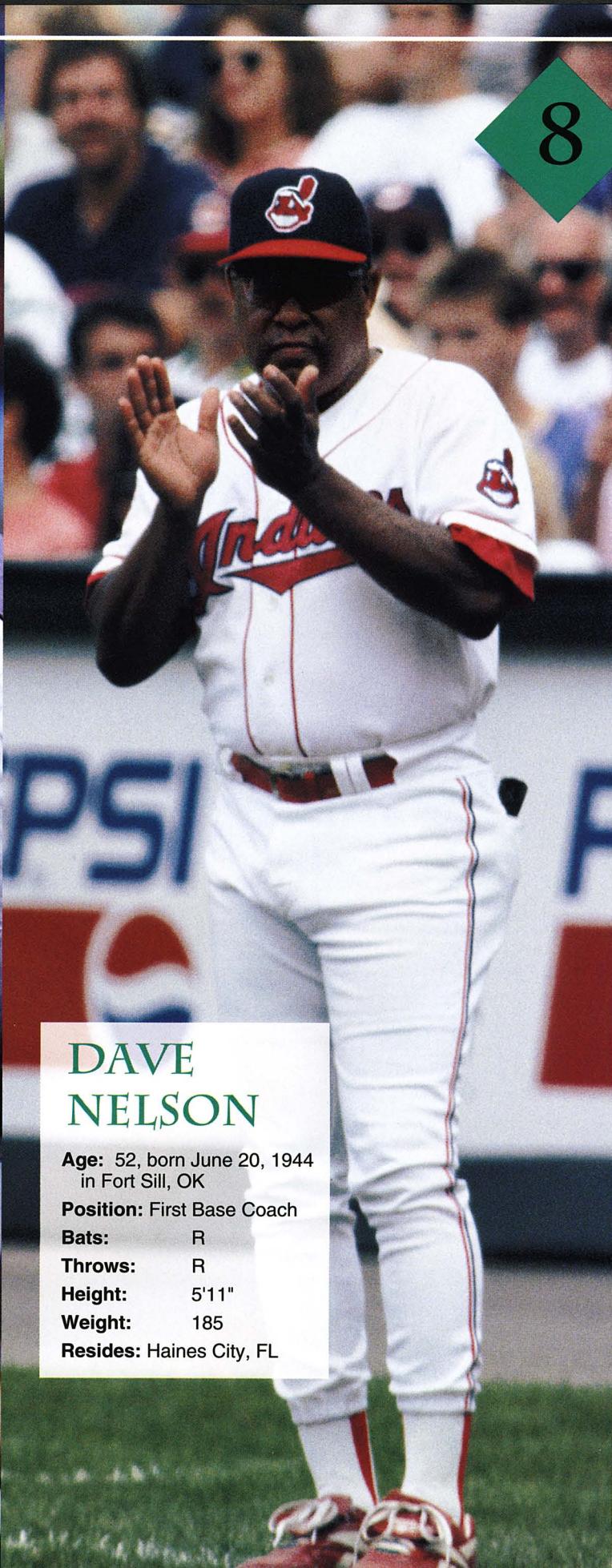
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Height: 6'4"

Weight: 210

Resides: Winter Haven, FL

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DAVE NELSON

Age: 52, born June 20, 1944
in Fort Sill, OK

Position: First Base Coach

Bats: R

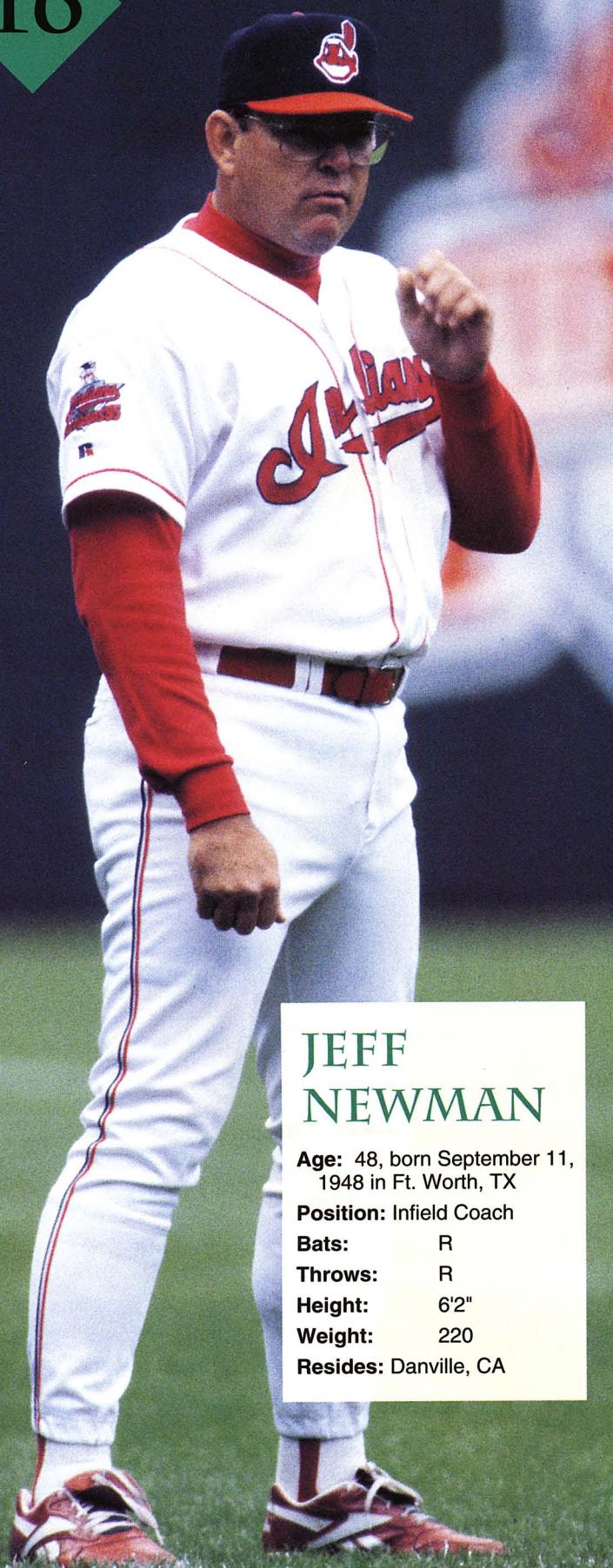
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Height: 5'11"

Weight: 185

Resides: Haines City, FL

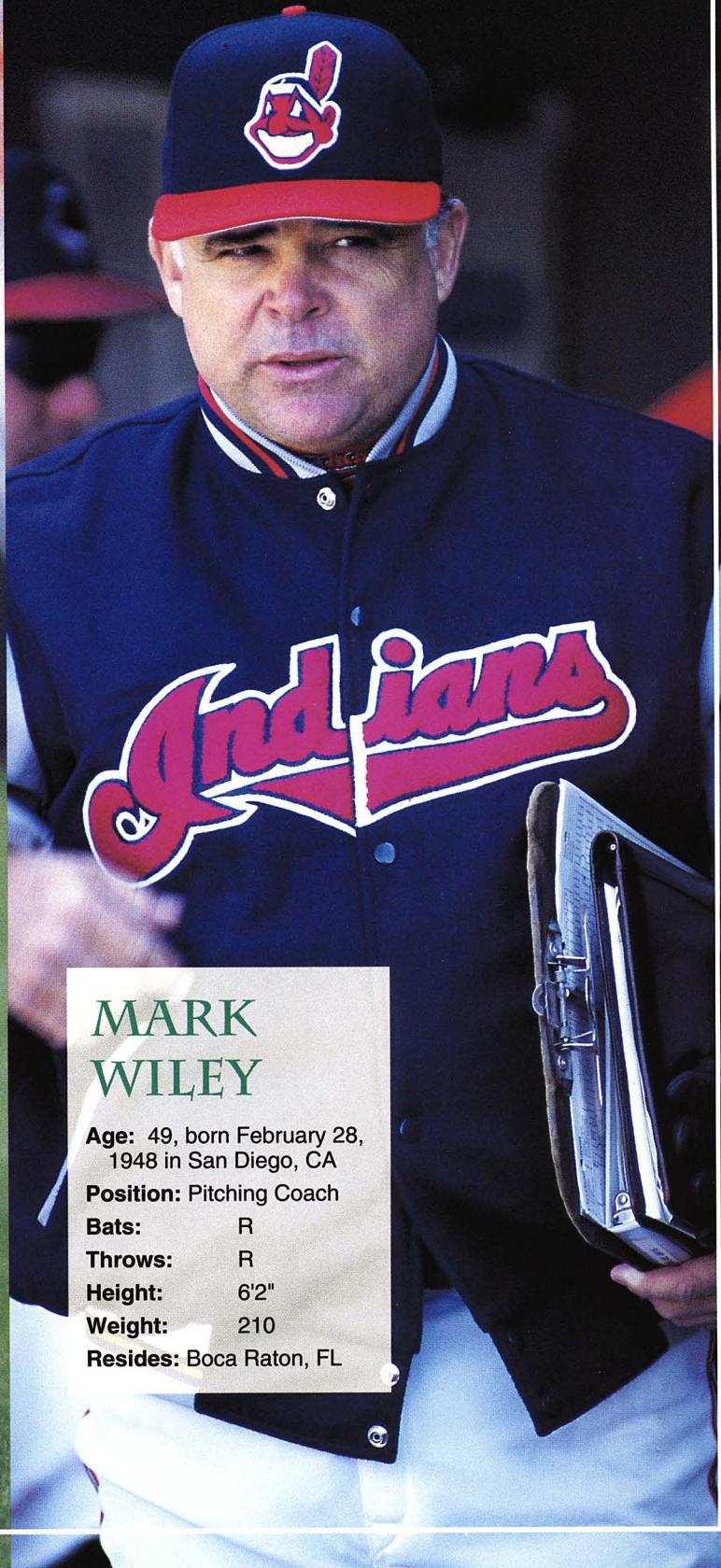
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JEFF NEWMAN

Age: 48, born September 11, 1948 in Ft. Worth, TX
Position: Infield Coach
Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 220
Resides: Danville, CA

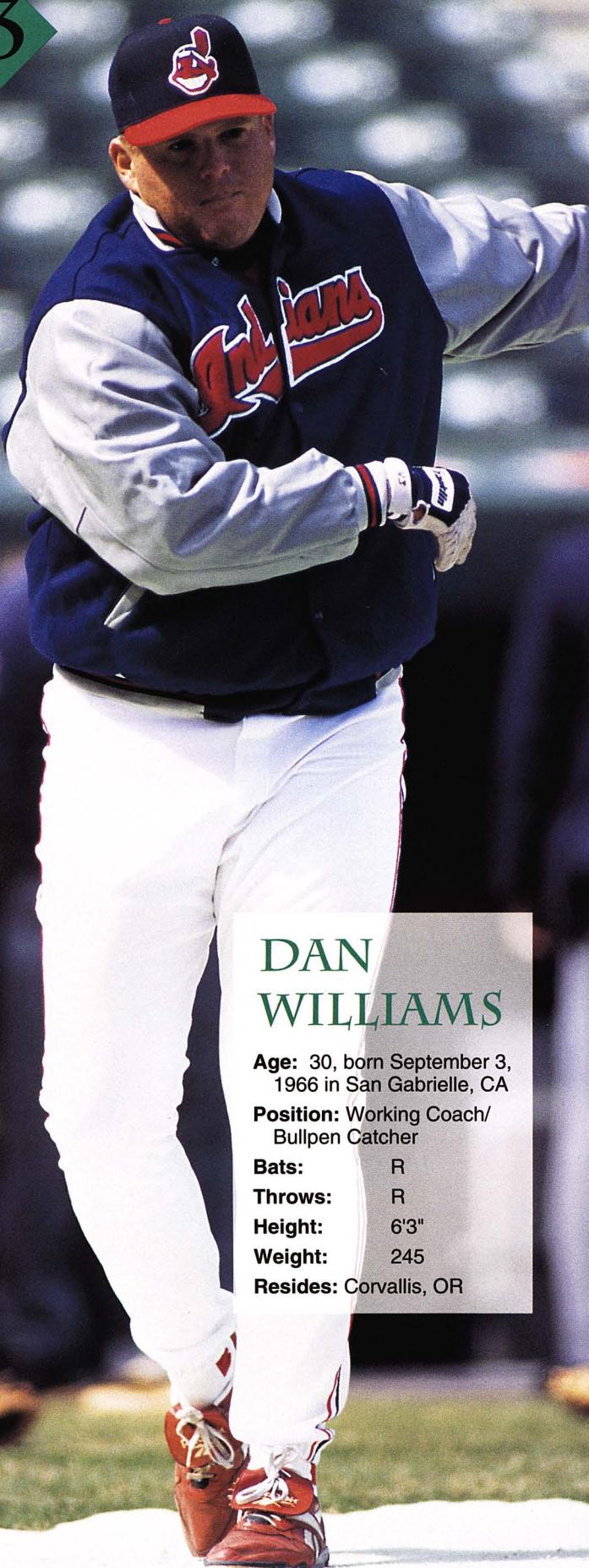
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MARK WILEY

Age: 49, born February 28, 1948 in San Diego, CA
Position: Pitching Coach
Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 210
Resides: Boca Raton, FL

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DAN WILLIAMS

Age: 30, born September 3, 1966 in San Gabrielle, CA

Position: Working Coach/
Bullpen Catcher

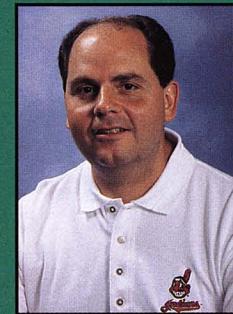
Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6'3"

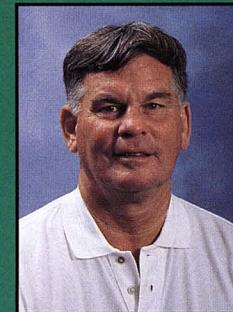
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Resides: Corvallis, OR



PAUL SPICUZZA

Head Trainer



JIM WARFIELD

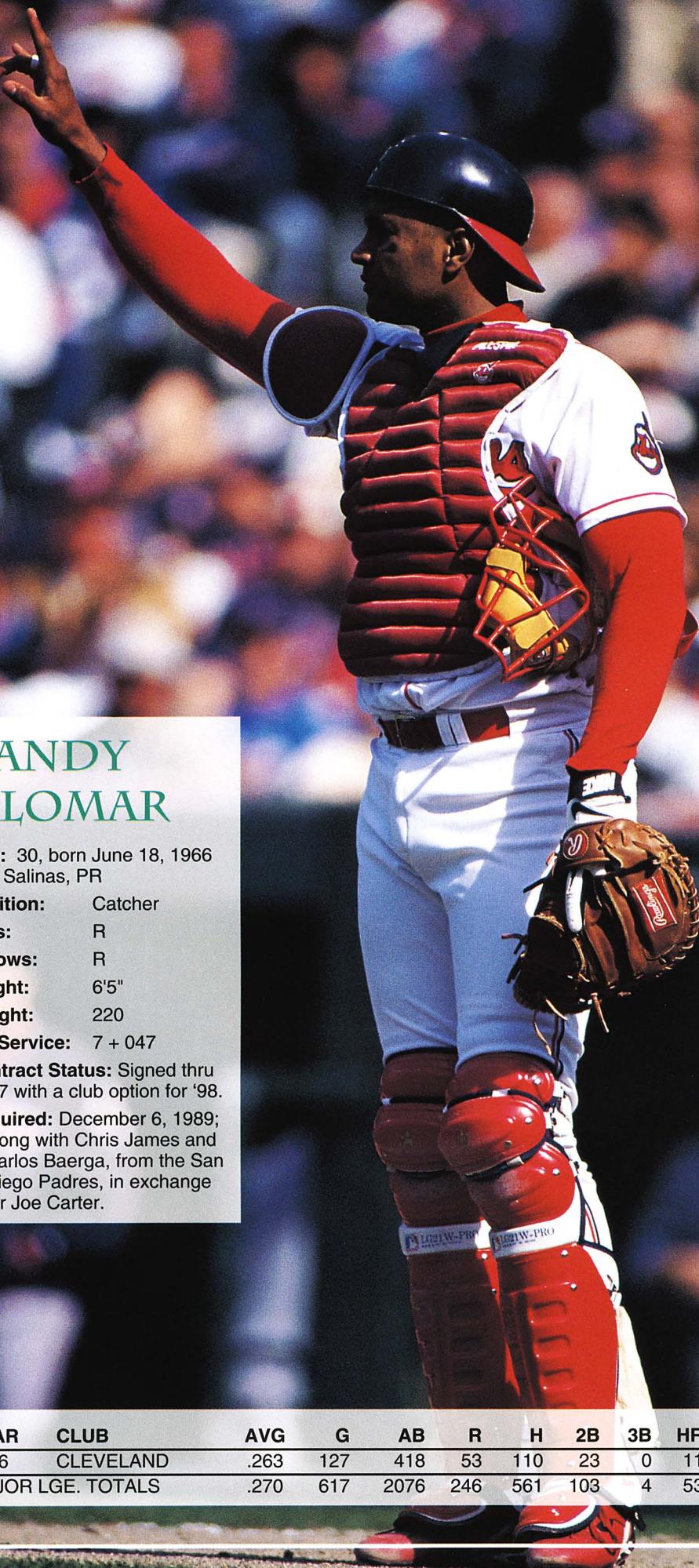
Assistant Trainer



FERNANDO MONTES

Strength and Conditioning
Coach

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SANDY ALOMAR

Age: 30, born June 18, 1966
in Salinas, PR

Position: Catcher

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6'5"

Weight: 220

ML Service: 7 + 047

Contract Status: Signed thru '97 with a club option for '98.

Acquired: December 6, 1989; along with Chris James and Carlos Baerga, from the San Diego Padres, in exchange for Joe Carter.

YEAR	CLUB	Avg	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1996	CLEVELAND	.263	127	418	53	110	23	0	11	50	19	42	1
MAJOR LGE. TOTALS		.270	617	2076	246	561	103	4	53	265	111	233	22



BRIAN ANDERSON

Age: 24, born April 26, 1972 in Geneva, OH

Position: Pitcher

Bats: S

Throws: L

Height: 6'1"

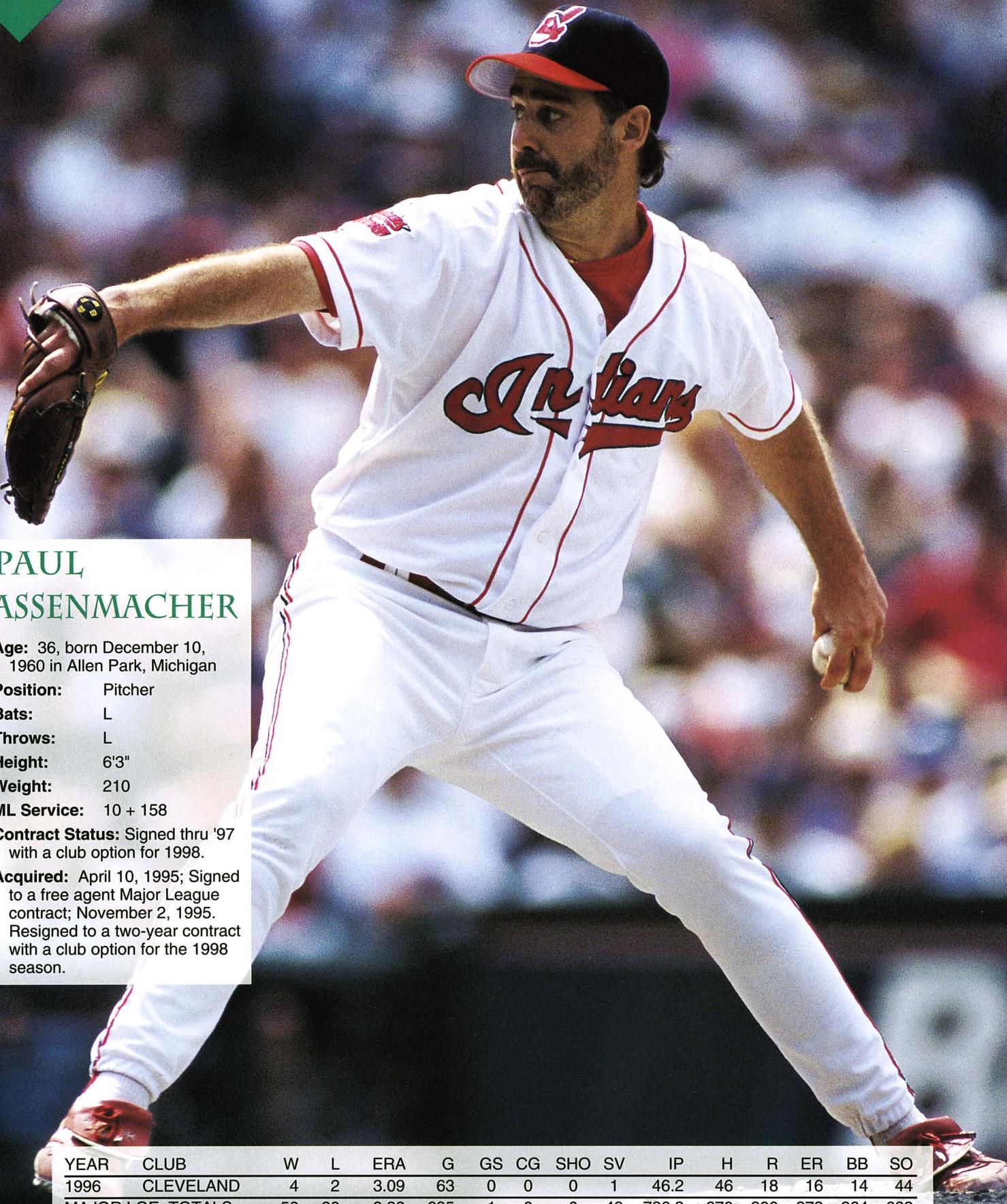
Weight: 190

ML Service: 2 + 075

Contract Status:
Signed thru '97.

Acquired: February 15, 1996;
Acquired from the California Angels in exchange for RHP Jason Grimsley and RHP Pep Harris.

YEAR	CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1996	Buffalo	11	5	3.59	19	19	2	0	0	128.0	125	57	51	28	85
	CLEVELAND	3	1	4.91	10	9	0	0	0	51.1	58	29	28	14	21
	MAJOR LGE. TOTALS	16	14	5.35	50	45	1	0	0	264.0	299	163	157	73	117



PAUL ASSENMACHER

Age: 36, born December 10, 1960 in Allen Park, Michigan

Position: Pitcher

Bats: L

Throws: L

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 210

ML Service: 10 + 158

Contract Status: Signed thru '97
with a club option for 1998.

Acquired: April 10, 1995; Signed to a free agent Major League contract; November 2, 1995. Resigned to a two-year contract with a club option for the 1998 season.

YEAR	CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1996	CLEVELAND	4	2	3.09	63	0	0	0	1	46.2	46	18	16	14	44
MAJOR LGE. TOTALS		52	38	3.38	685	1	0	0	49	726.2	670	300	273	264	682

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CASEY CANDAELE

Age: 36, born January 12, 1961 in Lompoc, CA

Position: Infielder

Bats: S

Throws: R

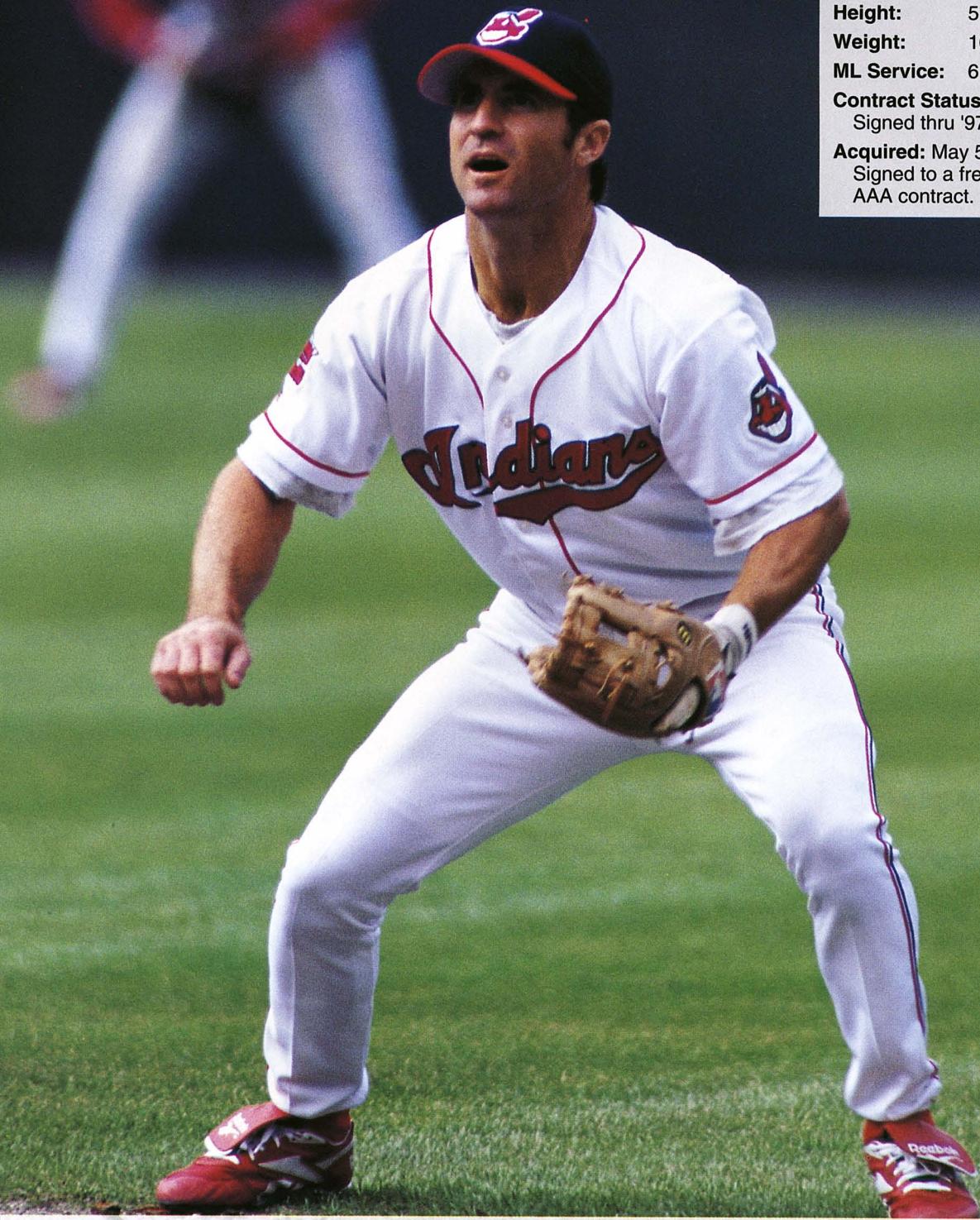
Height: 5'9"

Weight: 165

ML Service: 6 + 026

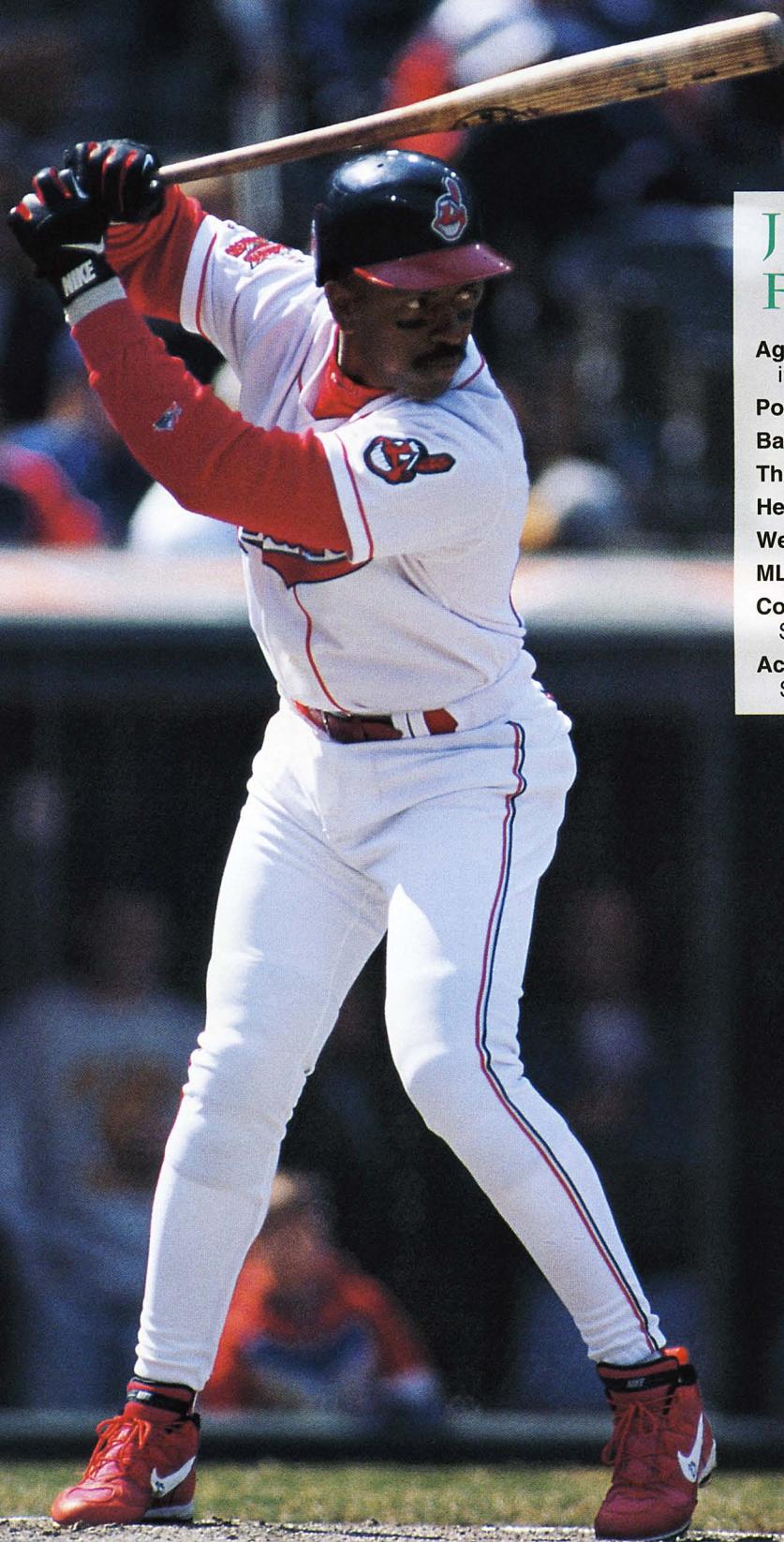
Contract Status:
Signed thru '97.

Acquired: May 5, 1995;
Signed to a free agent
AAA contract.



YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1996	Buffalo	.311	94	392	66	122	22	2	6	37	27	35	3
	CLEVELAND	.250	24	44	8	11	2	0	1	4	1	9	0
	MAJOR LG. TOTALS	.249	740	1908	201	475	85	20	11	135	160	210	36

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JULIO FRANCO

Age: 35, born August 23, 1961
in San Pedro de Macoris, DR

Position: Infielder

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 200

ML Service: 13 + 049

Contract Status:
Signed thru '97.

Acquired: December 7, 1995,
Signed as a free agent.

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1996	CLEVELAND	.322	112	432	72	139	20	1	14	76	61	82	8
MAJOR LGE. TOTALS		.303	1770	6813	1036	2061	319	46	134	937	684	889	245

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BRIAN GILES

Age: 26, born January 21, 1971 in El Cajon, CA

Position: Outfielder

Bats: L

Throws: L

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 200

ML Service: 0 + 096

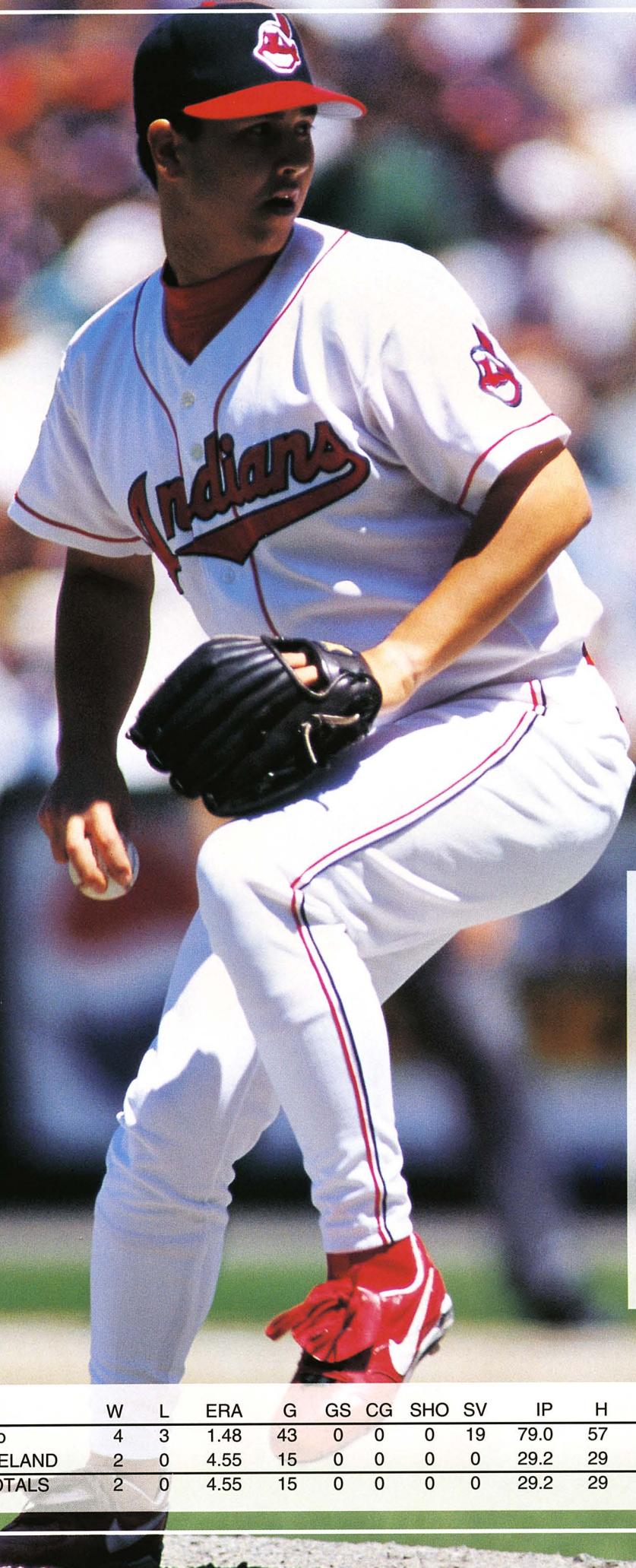
Contract Status:

Signed thru '97.

Acquired: Indians 17th round selection in the 1989 June Draft.



YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1996	Buffalo	.314	83	318	65	100	17	6	20	64	42	29	1
	CLEVELAND	.355	51	121	26	43	14	1	5	27	19	13	3
	MAJOR LGE. TOTALS	.369	57	130	32	48	14	1	6	30	19	14	3



DANNY GRAVES

Age: 23, born August 7, 1973
in Siagon, Vietnam

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 5'11"

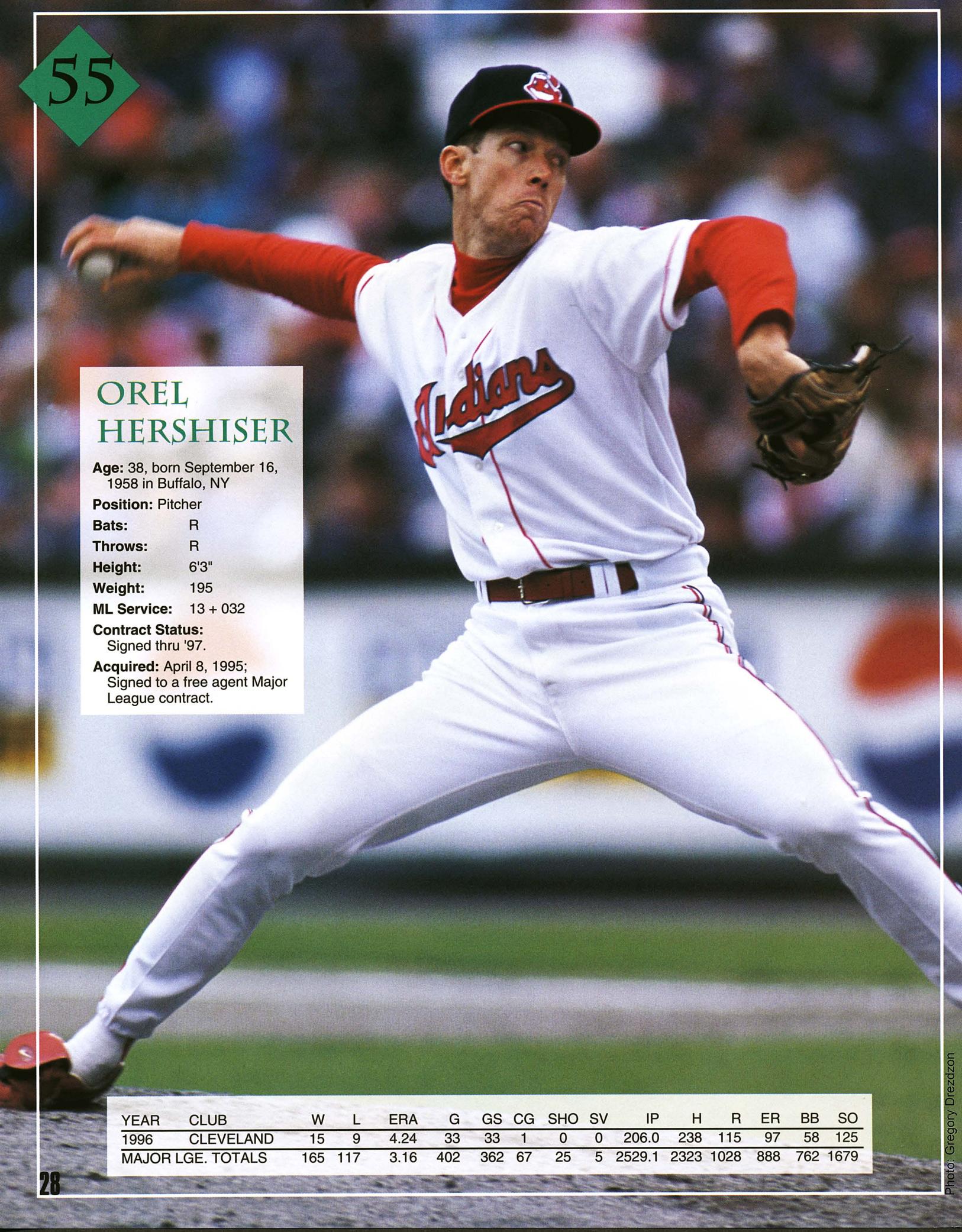
Weight: 200

ML Service: 0 + 061

Contract Status:
Signed thru '97.

Acquired: Selected by
Cleveland in the fourth round
of the 1994 June Draft.

YEAR	CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1996	Buffalo	4	3	1.48	43	0	0	0	19	79.0	57	14	13	24	46
	CLEVELAND	2	0	4.55	15	0	0	0	0	29.2	29	18	15	10	22
	MAJOR LGE. TOTALS	2	0	4.55	15	0	0	0	0	29.2	29	18	15	10	22



OREL HERSHISER

Age: 38, born September 16, 1958 in Buffalo, NY

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 195

ML Service: 13 + 032

Contract Status:

Signed thru '97.

Acquired: April 8, 1995;

Signed to a free agent Major League contract.

YEAR	CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1996	CLEVELAND	15	9	4.24	33	33	1	0	0	206.0	238	115	97	58	125
MAJOR LGE. TOTALS		165	117	3.16	402	362	67	25	5	2529.1	2323	1028	888	762	1679



DAMIAN JACKSON

Age: 23, born August 16, 1973
in Los Angeles, CA

Position: Infielder

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 160

ML Service: 0 + 019

Contract Status:
Signed thru '97.

Acquired: Cleveland's 44th
selection in the 1991 June
Draft.

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1996	Buffalo	.257	133	452	77	116	15	1	12	49	48	78	24
	CLEVELAND	.300	5	10	2	3	2	0	0	1	1	4	0
	MAJOR LG. TOTALS	.300	5	10	2	3	2	0	0	1	1	4	0



JACK McDOWELL

Age: 31, born January 16, 1966 in Van Nuys, CA

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6'5"

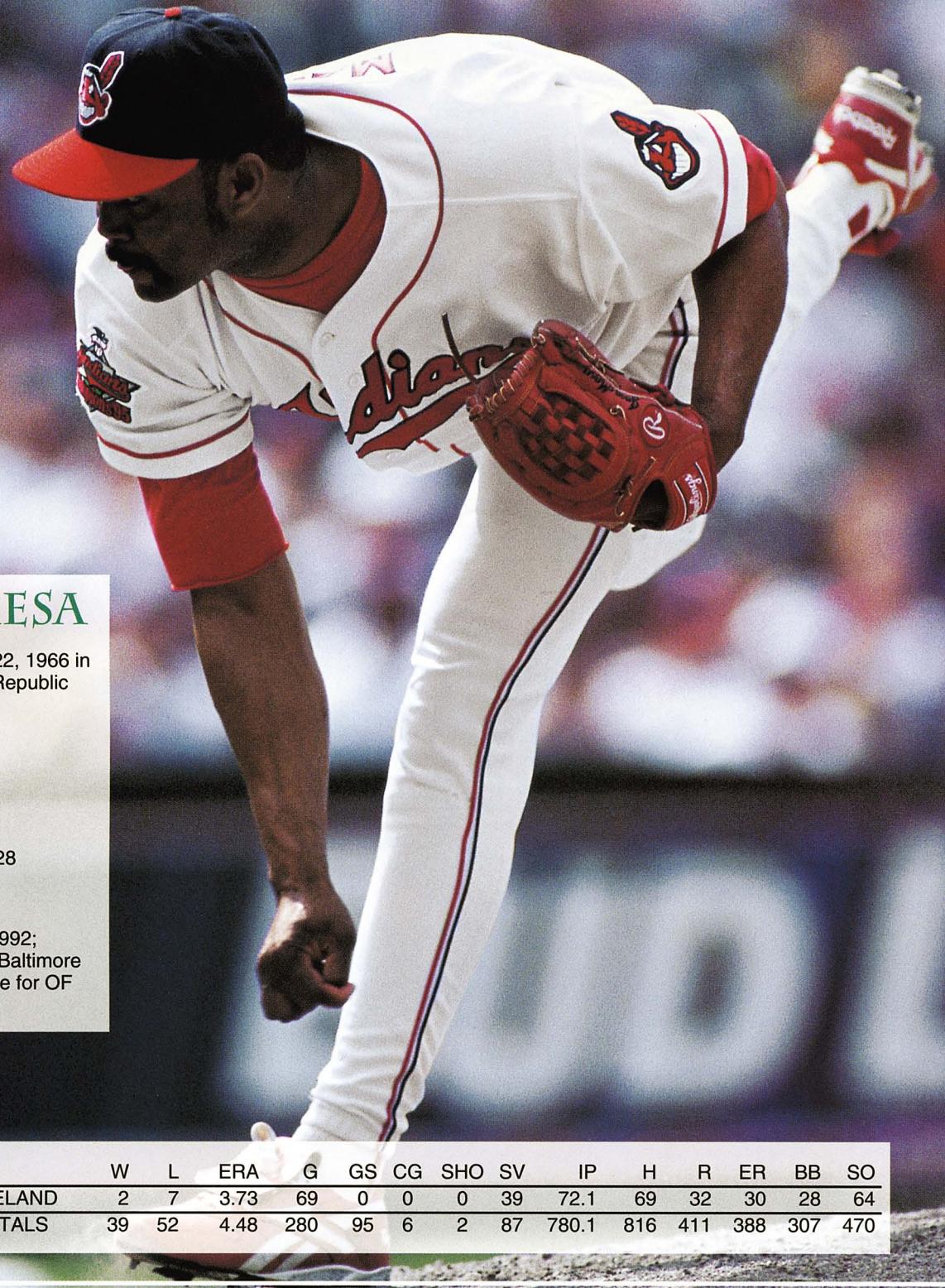
Weight: 188

ML Service: 8 + 022

Contract Status: Signed thru '97 with club option for 1998.

Acquired: December 14, 1995;
Signed to a Major League
free agent contract.

YEAR	CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1996	CLEVELAND	13	9	5.11	30	30	5	1	0	192.0	214	119	109	67	141
MAJOR LGE. TOTALS		119	77	3.73	251	251	62	13	0	1753.1	1683	787	726	564	1216



JOSE MESA

Age: 30, born May 22, 1966 in Azua, Dominican Republic

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 225

ML Service: 6 + 028

Contract Status:

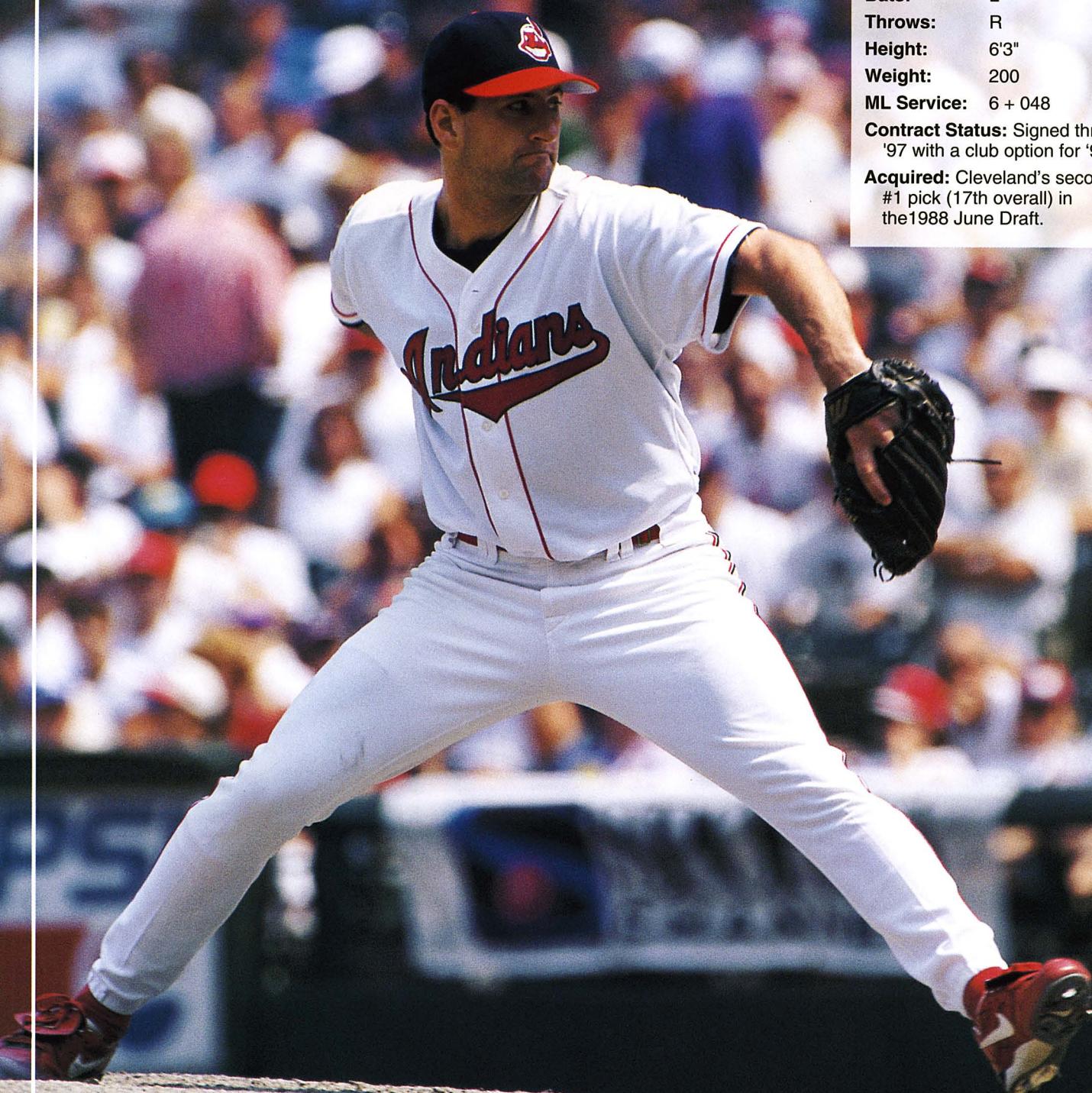
Signed thru '98.

Acquired: July 14, 1992;

Acquired from the Baltimore Orioles in exchange for OF Kyle Washington.

YEAR	CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1996	CLEVELAND	2	7	3.73	69	0	0	0	39	72.1	69	32	30	28	64
MAJOR LGE. TOTALS		39	52	4.48	280	95	6	2	87	780.1	816	411	388	307	470

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CHARLES NAGY

Age: 29, born May 5, 1967
in Fairfield, CT

Position: Pitcher

Bats: L

Throws: R

Height: 6'3"

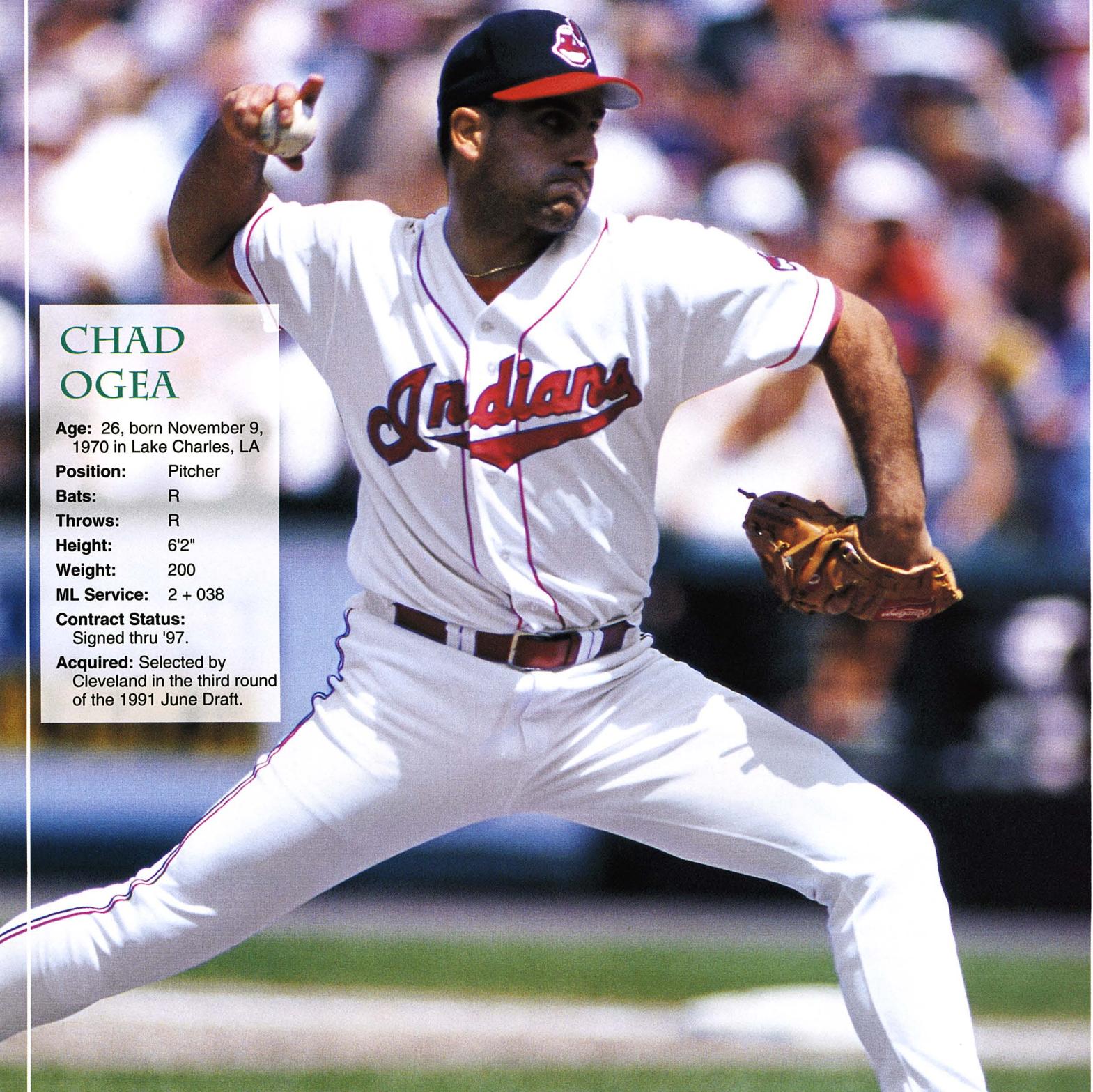
Weight: 200

ML Service: 6 + 048

Contract Status: Signed thru '97 with a club option for '98.

Acquired: Cleveland's second #1 pick (17th overall) in the 1988 June Draft.

YEAR	CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1996	CLEVELAND	17	5	3.41	32	32	5	0	0	222.0	217	89	84	61	167
MAJOR LGE. TOTALS		74	54	3.86	168	167	27	5	0	1127.0	1183	523	483	327	748



CHAD OGEA

Age: 26, born November 9, 1970 in Lake Charles, LA

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 200

ML Service: 2 + 038

Contract Status:
Signed thru '97.

Acquired: Selected by
Cleveland in the third round
of the 1991 June Draft.

YEAR	CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1996	Buffalo	0	1	5.26	5	5	0	0	0	25.2	27	15	15	6	20
	CLEVELAND	10	6	4.79	29	21	1	1	0	146.2	151	82	78	42	101
	MAJOR LGE. TOTALS	18	10	4.18	53	36	2	1	0	269.1	267	131	125	81	169

HERBERT PERRY

Age: 27, born September 15, 1969 in Live Oak, FL

Position: Infielder

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6'2"

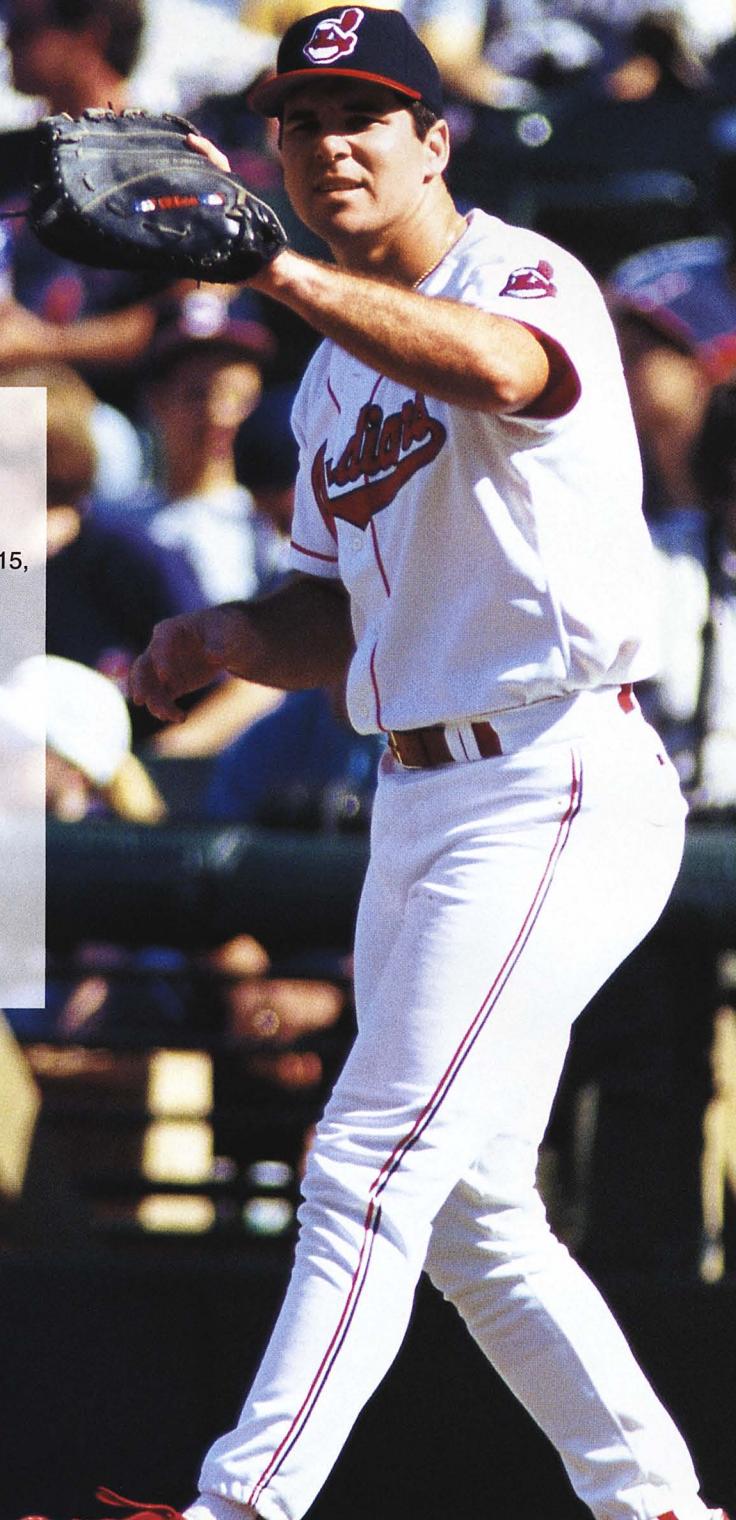
Weight: 220

ML Service: 0 + 160

Contract Status:

Signed thru '97.

Acquired: Selected by Cleveland in the second round of the 1991 June Draft.



YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1996	Buffalo	.338	40	151	21	51	7	1	5	30	7	19	4
	CLEVELAND	.083	7	12	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1
	MAJOR LG. TOTALS	.290	63	183	25	53	14	1	3	24	17	31	2



ERIC PLUNK

Age: 33, born September 3, 1963 in Wilmington, CA

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6'6"

Weight: 220

ML Service: 10 + 074

Contract Status: Signed thru '99 with a club option for 2000.

Acquired: April 9, 1992;
Signed by the Indians as a free agent... Resigned to a three year, free agent contract on December 10, 1996.

YEAR	CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1996	CLEVELAND	3	2	2.43	56	0	0	0	2	77.2	56	21	21	34	85
MAJOR LGE. TOTALS		60	46	3.62	528	41	0	0	34	937.1	799	419	377	538	878



MANNY RAMIREZ

Age: 24, born May 30, 1972 in Santo Domingo, DR

Position: Outfielder

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 190

ML Service: 3 + 033

Contract Status: Signed thru 1999 with a club option for the year 2000.

Acquired: Indians first round selection (13th overall pick) in the 1991 June Draft.

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1996	CLEVELAND	.309	152	550	94	170	45	3	33	112	85	104	8
MAJOR LGE. TOTALS		.295	402	1377	235	406	94	4	83	284	204	296	18

KEVIN SEITZER

Age: 35, born March 26, 1962
in Springfield, IL

Position: Infielder

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 195

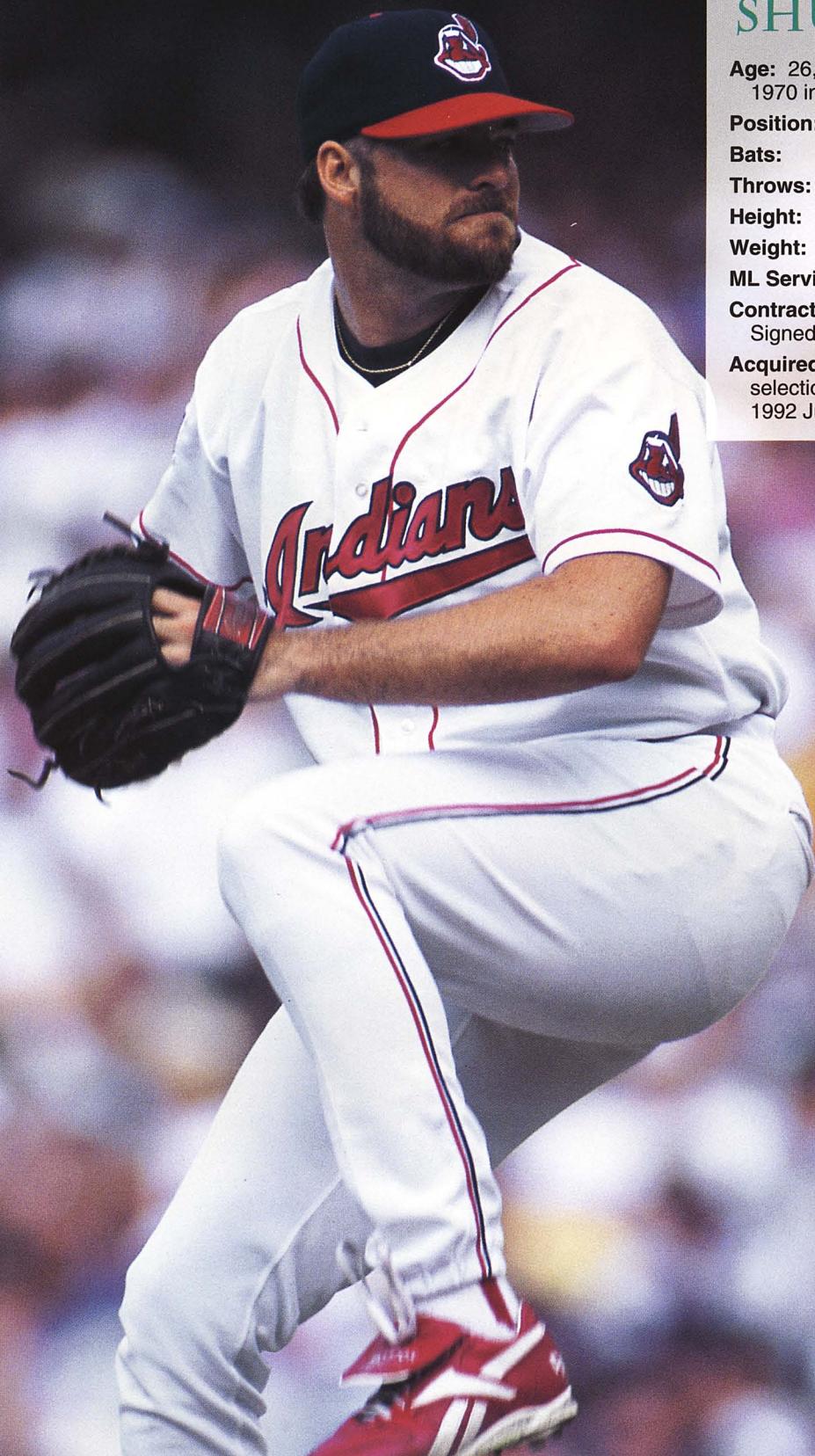
ML Service: 10 + 034

Contract Status:

Signed thru '97.

Acquired: August 31, 1996;
From the Milwaukee Brewers
in exchange for OF Jeremy
Burnitz.

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1996	Milwaukee	.316	132	490	74	155	25	3	12	62	73	68	6
	CLEVELAND	.386	22	83	11	32	10	0	1	16	14	11	0
	MAJOR LGE. TOTALS	.296	1375	5080	712	1504	271	35	72	589	651	592	80



PAUL SHUEY

Age: 26, born September 16, 1970 in Lima, OH

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R

Throws: R

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 215

ML Service: 1 + 094

Contract Status:
Signed thru '97.

Acquired: Indians first round selection (2nd overall) in the 1992 June Draft.

YEAR	CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1996	Buffalo	3	2	0.81	19	0	0	0	4	33.1	14	4	3	9	57
	CLEVELAND	5	2	2.85	42	0	0	0	4	53.2	45	19	17	26	44
	MAJOR LGE. TOTALS	5	5	3.89	63	0	0	0	9	71.2	64	34	31	43	65



JIM THOME

Age: 26, born August 27, 1970 in Peoria, IL

Position: Infielder

Bats: L

Throws: R

Height: 6'4"

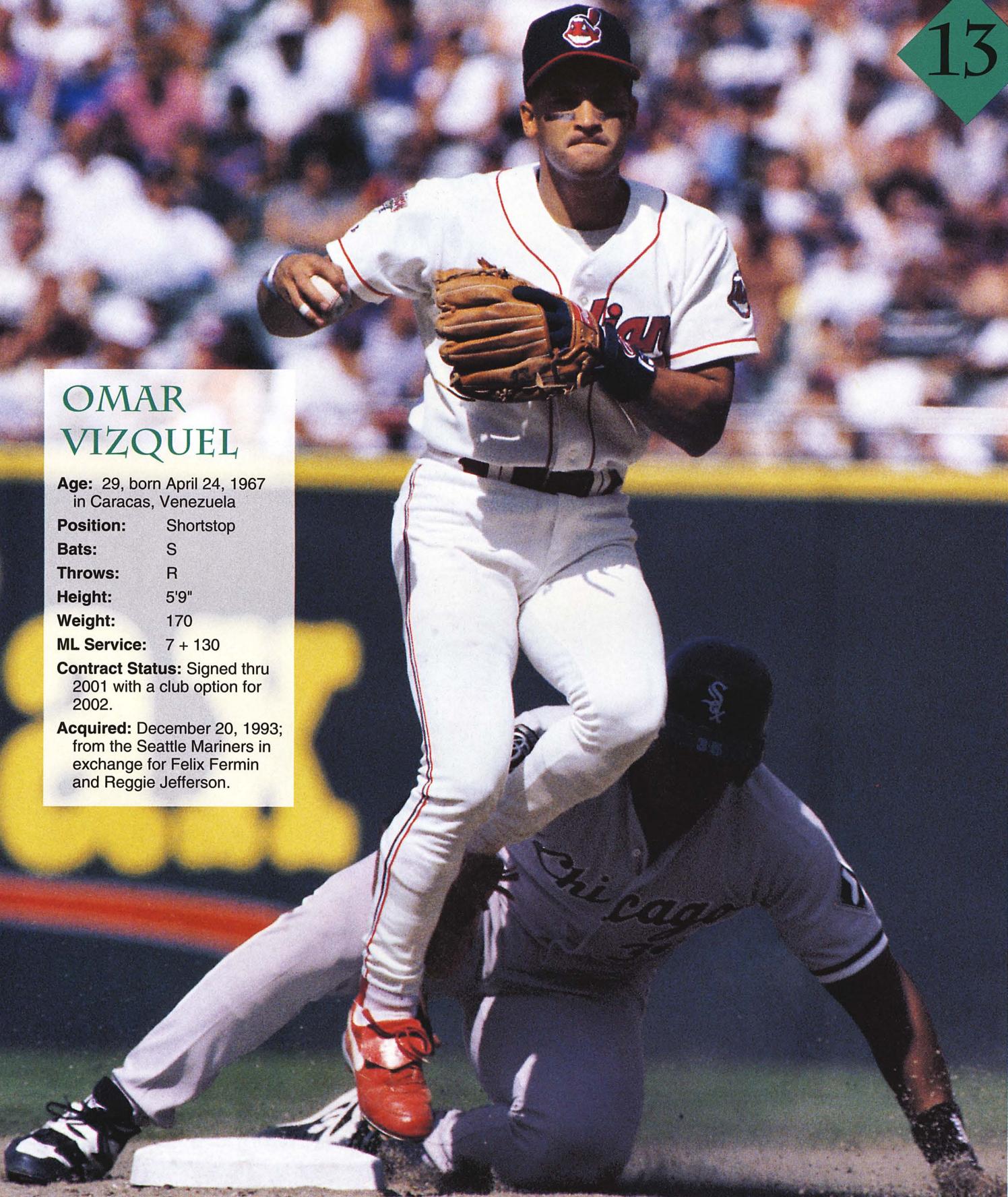
Weight: 225

ML Service: 4 + 042

Contract Status: Signed thru '97 with a club option for 1998.

Acquired: Selected by Cleveland in the 13th round of the 1989 June Draft.

YEAR	CLUB	Avg	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1996	CLEVELAND	.311	151	505	122	157	28	5	38	116	123	141	2
MAJOR LGE. TOTALS		.288	500	1647	315	475	95	12	93	284	310	424	14



OMAR VIZQUEL

Age: 29, born April 24, 1967
in Caracas, Venezuela

Position: Shortstop

Bats: S

Throws: R

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 170

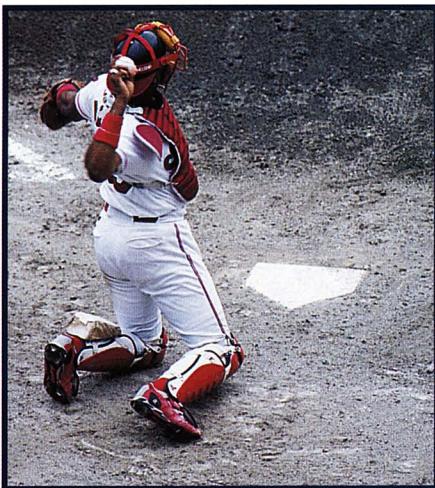
ML Service: 7 + 130

Contract Status: Signed thru 2001 with a club option for 2002.

Acquired: December 20, 1993;
from the Seattle Mariners in
exchange for Felix Fermin
and Reggie Jefferson.

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1996	CLEVELAND	.297	151	542	98	161	36	1	9	64	56	42	35
MAJOR LGE. TOTALS		.263	1016	3481	447	914	134	17	22	284	311	332	116

1996 PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS



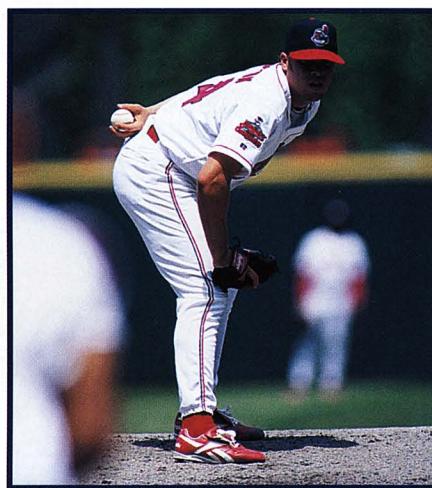
SANDY ALOMAR

- Appeared in the most games (127) since his rookie year in 1990 when he appeared in 132.
- Named as a reserve on his fourth All-Star squad... In the first half, he hit .286 w/11 2B, 6 HR, and 29 RBI in 72 games... Hit in a career-best 17 straight games, April 11-May 4... Over the span, he hit .328 with 2 2B, 2 HR, and 13 RBI... Hit safely in 21 of his first 22 games played (.325, 26-80)... Hit in 11 straight games from May 24 to June 6.
- Hit at a .322 clip in September, with 7 2B, 3 HR, and 7 RBI.
- Collected season-high 4 RBI on April 28 at Toronto... In the game he had a three-run homer and a sac fly... Hit game-winning HR in 12th inning vs. Detroit on August 16 off Richie Lewis... Made first career appearance at first base on June 27 at Chicago.
- Indians were 70-41 when Sandy was the starting backstop... On the season, he tossed out 25-101 of base runners attempting to steal... Threw out 15 of his last 49 runners to end the season... In his career he has thrown out 146 of 494 runners attempting to steal.

BRIAN ANDERSON

- Acquired from the California Angels at Spring Training in exchange for Jason Grimsley and Pep Harris... Spent three stints at the big league level with the Tribe.

- Made Indians debut on May 18 vs. the Texas Rangers at Jacobs Field... Optioned back to AAA on June 10 after going 0-1 with a 5.90 ERA.
- Was at AAA from June 10 until making an emergency start for the Tribe on August 4 vs. Baltimore in place of the injured Dennis Martinez... Notched his first win as an Indians player on August 4 vs. Baltimore, 14-2.
- Was optioned back to Buffalo the



next day (8/5)... Recalled on Sept. 8 to make a start that night vs. the Mariners... Spent remainder of the season at the ML level.

- Finished AAA season for Buffalo with an 11-5 record and an ERA of 3.59 in 19 starts... Was named the LHP on the American Association Post Season All-Star Team.
- Over his last seven regular season starts at AAA he went 5-1 with a 1.75 ERA... Opened the A.A. play-offs at Indianapolis September 4.
- At the ML level he averaged only 2.5 BB/9.0 IP... Over his last four starts he was 3-0 with a 3.68 ERA.
- Was the winning pitcher in the Tribe's Central Division clincher on September 17 in Chicago... Made only relief appearance on September 28 in Kansas City.

PAUL ASSENMACHER

- Was his usual reliable self out of the bullpen in '96... Currently leads all relievers in the 1990's in appearances with 445 outings...

Over the last six seasons lefties hit .207 off him.

- Retired 45 of 63 first batters faced in his 63 relief appearances, including 17 by strikeout... Inherited 50 runners (28 in SP), 13 scored... The 26.0% figure was 9th lowest among AL relievers.
- Was 3-1 at home with a 2.28 ERA in 35 games.
- Didn't allow a run in 52 of his 63 outings... Notched first win July 26 at Baltimore in season-high 2.2 IP.
- Picked up a win in the Tribe's only victory of the Division Series vs. Baltimore in Game 3 on October 4 in Cleveland... Didn't allow a run in three Division Series outings.

PAT BORDERS

- Spent entire season at the big league level between three clubs and two trades... On the year he hit

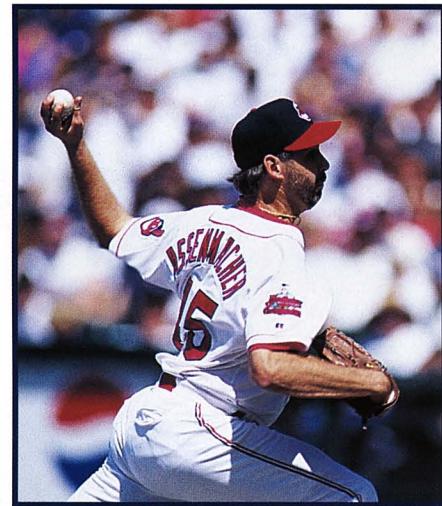
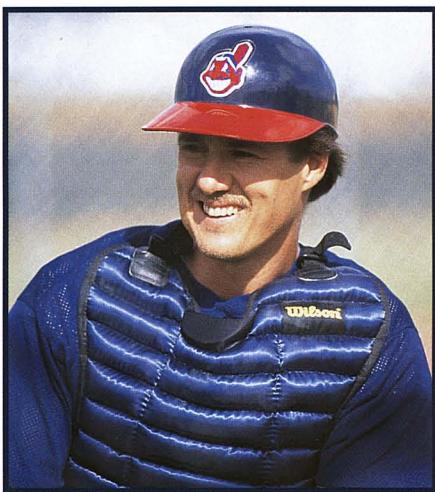


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a combined .277 with 5 HR and 18 RBI in 76 games with St. Louis, California, and the White Sox.

- Hit .351 in 18 April games for St. Louis... Was acquired by the California Angels on June 14 in exchange for Minor League RHP Ben VanRyn.
- While with the Angels, he enjoyed his first career multi-homer game on June 29 vs. Oakland at Anaheim Stadium... Both homers came off Steve Wojciechowski in the 11-9 Angels loss... In the game, he was 3-4 with 2 HR and 3 RBI...



Appeared in 18 games for the Angels before being traded to the White Sox on July 27 in exchange for RHP Robert Ellis.

- ◆ On the year he threw out 14 of 54 runners attempting to steal.
- ◆ Went 3-4 with a 3-run HR on September 12 at Baltimore... Collected the game-winning single in the 10th inning on August 25 vs. Toronto... On the year, he hit .338 and had .521 slugging percentage against left-handed pitching... Hit .378 in September for the ChiSox with a HR and 3 RBI in 16 games.

CASEY CANDAELE

- ◆ Made his first appearance at the big league level in '96 since 1993 with the Houston Astros... Spent the season with the Buffalo Bisons until July 26 after Jack McDowell was placed on the 15-day DL.
- ◆ Made Indians debut on July 26 in Baltimore, going 2-6 with a season-high 3 RBI... Hit his first HR since 9/1/93 (w/HOU) on July 28 at Baltimore off Scott Erickson.
- ◆ At Buffalo he hit .311... At the time of his promotion, he was fifth in the league with 122 hits, while his .311 average was fifth in the American Association... Despite appearing in just 94 games for the Bisons he was named the 2B on the A.A. Post Season All-Star Team.
- ◆ Hit in the leadoff spot in all 94 games with the Bisons.
- ◆ Used mainly at second base and as a pinch hitter for Mike Hargrove...

Made six starts for the Tribe (all at 2B) and over those starts he hit .267... Appeared in 11 games at second base (6 GS), three at third, and one at shortstop.

- ◆ Did not make an error in 55 total chances on the season.
- ◆ Was on the Tribe's 25-man Division Series roster vs. Baltimore, appearing in two games for the Tribe in October... Collected a walk and scored in a pinch-hitting role in Game 3 and pinch ran for Kevin Seitzer in Game 4.

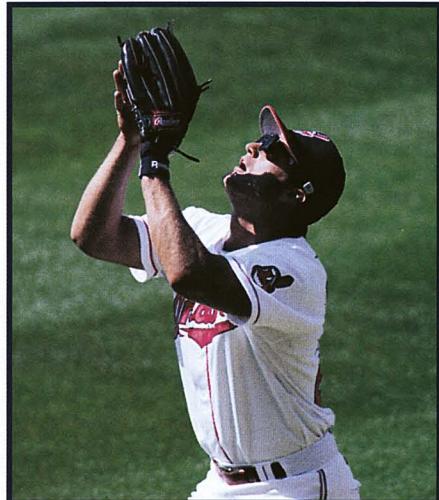


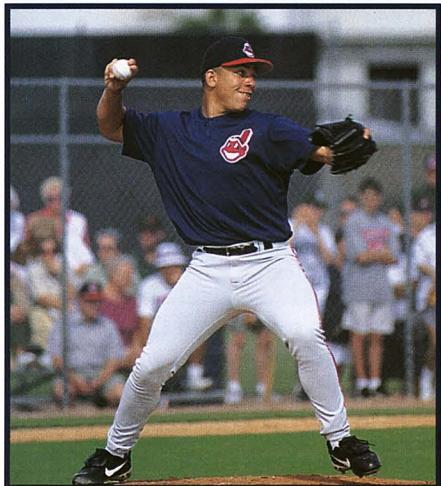
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BARTOLO COLON

- ◆ Began season in the starting rotation for Class AA Canton-Akron Indians... Made nine starts before being placed on the DL on May 30 with a sprained ligament in his right elbow... Was 2-2 with a 1.59 ERA in nine starts.
- ◆ Activated on July 24... Made three starts before converting to reliever... Made first relief appearance since '93 in the Dominican League on August 5 vs. Portland... Promoted to AAA Buffalo August 6 and spent rest of the season in the bullpen... Did not appear in Post Season.
- ◆ With AA Canton-Akron he held Eastern League hitters to a .196 BA.
- ◆ The opposition hit just .118 off him with runners in scoring position... Struck out a season-high 11 on May 19 at Reading... Earned Eastern League "Player of the

Week" honors for the effort.

- ◆ At Buffalo he appeared in eight games, out of the bullpen... Struck out 19 batters in 15.0 innings of work.

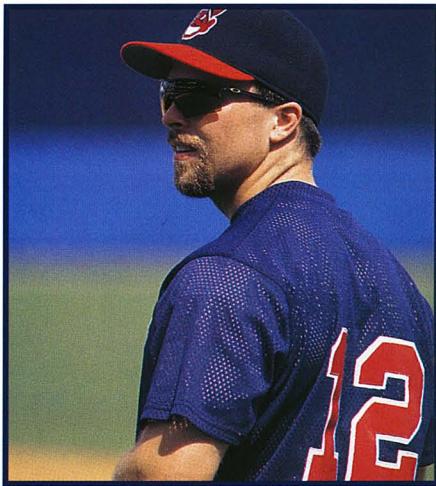


- ◆ Played for Aguilas (Dominican Winter League) in the off-season... Posted a record of 4-1 with a 0.21 ERA in 10 starts... Named "Pitcher of the Year."

CHAD CURTIS

- ◆ Split the season between Detroit and Los Angeles Dodgers... Started season with the Tigers where he hit .263 with 20 2B, 1 3B, 10 HR, and 37 RBI in 104 games... Stole 16 bases in 26 attempts.
- ◆ Hit in 11 straight games, June 8-19, hitting .417 over the span with 10 RS, 2 HR, and 7 RBI... Hit .304 in June with 20 RS, 2 HR, and 13 RBI... Equalled his career-high by collecting his 6th career 4-hit game June 17 vs. Oakland... Started 76 games in center field for the Tigers and 27 games in left field.
- ◆ Was traded to the Dodgers July 31 in exchange for LHPs Joey Eischen and John Cummings... Made his NL debut the following night vs. Florida at Dodger Stadium... First NL hit came on August 2 vs. Atlanta off John Smoltz... Hit first NL homer off Andy Benes on August 14 at St. Louis... Belted a three-run, pinch-hit HR vs. Montreal off Omar Daal, August 16... With the Dodgers, he appeared in 40

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(9/29/79) at Cincinnati... Stole 300th base of his career on 4/16 vs. Florida; now has 323.

- ◆ Hit .352 in May with three home runs and 25 RBI... Slugged grand slam off Cards' Mike Busby on 4/7, the second of his career.

TONY FERNANDEZ

- ◆ Enters first season with the Indians sharing the Major League career record for fielding percentage (.980) by a shortstop along with Larry Bowa... Is American League's

games in center field (20 starts).

- ◆ Combined on the season he hit .252 with 25 2B, 1 3B, 12 HR, and 46 RBI in 147 games... Swiped 18 bases in 29 attempts.

MARQUIS GRISSEY

- ◆ Acquired during Spring Training from Atlanta Braves with OF David Justice in exchange for OF Kenny Lofton and LHP Alan Embree.
- ◆ Collected career-high 207 hits, becoming the first Braves player to have at least 200 hits in a season since Ralph Garr in 1974.
- ◆ Finished third in the NL in hits, T3rd in triples, 7th in total bases, T5th in multi-hit games, and T7th in outfield assists... Set franchise record in at-bats (671, also 2nd in league) and fielding pct. (.997).
- ◆ His career-high 23 HR and 10 3B combined with 32 2B made him the first Brave since Garr to post double figures in each category in a single season.
- ◆ Smacked seven leadoff HRs for the season... Now has 12 in his career.
- ◆ Had career-best 28-game hitting streak, longest by a Braves player since 1976; third longest in Atlanta history, and the second longest in the Majors since Jerome Walton hit in 30 straight games in 1989.
- ◆ Played his last 127 games (starting 5/8) without making an error.
- ◆ Stole home at Cincinnati June 2, the first by a Brave since Blauser in 1987... Was the first straight steal of home by a Brave since Ed Miller

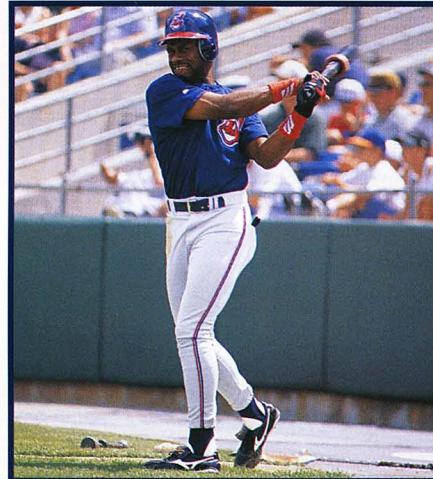


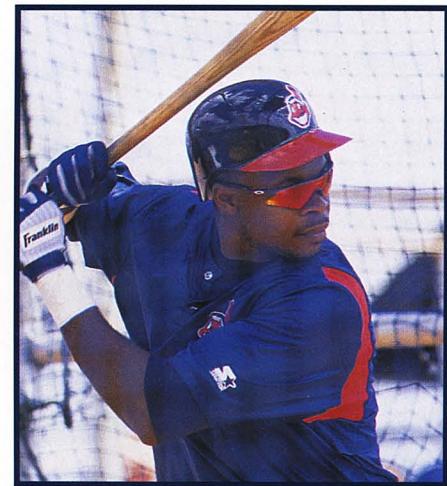
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career leader in fielding percentage by a shortstop (.982)... A four-time All-Star... Won four straight Rawlings Gold Glove awards between 1986-'89 with the Toronto Blue Jays.

- ◆ Missed the entire '96 season with a broken bone in his right elbow... Injury occurred on March 24 in Tampa, FL in a Spring Training game with the Houston Astros.
- ◆ Played for the Licey Tigers of the Dominican Winter League in the off-season... For Licey, he hit .267 (8-30) with 1 2B, 0 HR, and 1 RBI (3 BB, 0 SO) in 10 games.

JULIO FRANCO

- ◆ Had an outstanding offensive season and would have reached the 100-RBI mark had he not missed nearly two months with a strained right hamstring which limited him to only seven games in July and five in August.



- ◆ Hit .322 in 112 games, second highest season average of his career and highest since his AL-high mark of .341 in 1991 with Texas... Was limited to just 33 games in the 2nd half of season, although he hit .313 in the 2nd half w/4 2B, 4 HR, and 21 RBI.

- ◆ Originally injured right hamstring on June 22 vs. New York running from first to third on a single... At the time of the injury, he was hitting .328 with 16 2B, 1 3B, 10 HR,

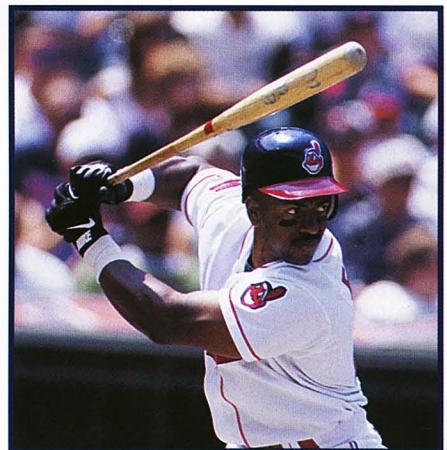


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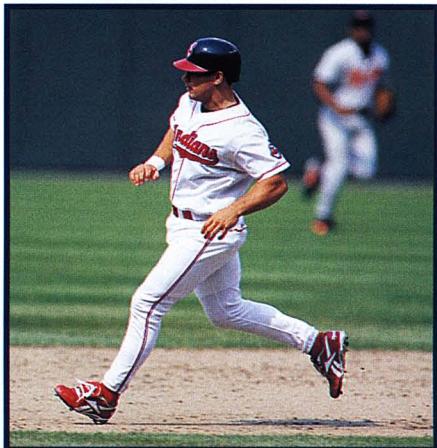
and 53 RBI in 73 games... Limited to three starts and three PH appearances before being placed on the DL, July 11... Activated on July 25... Made seven starts, going 11-26 with 2 RBI before reaggravating the injury, August 3.

- ◆ Collected 2,000th career hit on June 11 vs. OAK (1B off Willie Adams in 1st)... Hit an AL-high .371 in June with 3 HR and 15 RBI... From June 7 through the end of the

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season he hit .350 with 8 2B, 6 HR, and 32 RBI in 54 games... Hit in a season-high 11 straight games between April 13-24.

- ◆ Hit sixth career grand slam September 1 at Texas off John Burkett... The 4 RBI on 9/1 was a season-high... Went 2-2 with two HR on September 12 vs. California, his first 2 HR game since 7/18/94 (fourth of his career).
- ◆ Hit .364 in 59 G at Jacobs Field with 7 HR and 42 RBI... The .364 BA was 2nd highest home average in the AL in '96... Hit .350 w/MISP and .388 w/MISP and two outs... The .350 average w/RISP was eighth highest in the AL.
- ◆ Played in his first Post Season



game, October 1, in Baltimore in Game 1 of Division Series vs. Orioles... Entering the playoffs he was baseball's active leader in games played (1,770) without making a Post Season appearance.

- ◆ After the season he toured Japan with a group of Major League All-Stars along with Jose Mesa... Over the eight-game series he hit .313... Team USA won the series, 4-2-2.

BRIAN GILES

- ◆ Began the season at AAA Buffalo before his recall on July 12.
- ◆ At the time of his recall his 20 HR and 63 RBI were 3rd highest in the American Association while his .315 average ranked 6th... Was selected to the A.A. Post Season All-Star Team as an outfielder.

- ◆ On the night of his recall, he hit second HR of his ML career, a pinch-hit HR in the 9th inning off Dave Stevens in Minnesota that tied the game at 5-5... Indians went on to win, 7-5.
- ◆ Hit .463 in his first 23 games of the season w/8 2B, 4 HR, and 16 RBI and took over the full-time DH role until Julio Franco was activated from the DL and Kevin Seitzer was acquired from Milwaukee at the end of August... Appeared in only 15 games in September, hitting .500 with 4 2B, 0 HR, and 5 RBI.
- ◆ Set new career-best by collecting four three-hit games after his call up... Went 3-3 w/3 2B and 2 RBI at Baltimore on July 25... Didn't make an error in his 16 games in the outfield.
- ◆ Made playoff debut on October 1 in Camden Yards in Game 1 of the Division Series vs. Baltimore.

DANNY GRAVES

- ◆ Named Bob Feller Award winner as the Tribe's top Minor League pitcher for the second time in his two professional seasons... Continued rapid ascent through the professional ranks as he made his Major League debut in just his 2nd pro season... Started the season at AAA Buffalo where he went 3-1 with 17 saves and a 1.34 ERA through his first 33 games... Contract purchased from AAA Buffalo on June 29.
- ◆ Did not make his debut until July 13 at Minnesota... Picked up

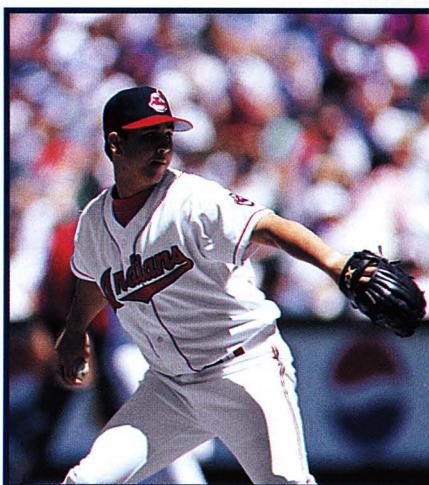
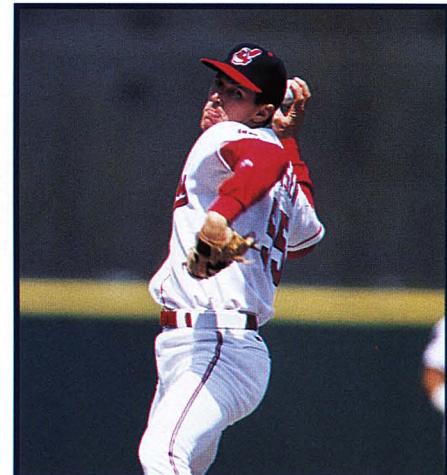


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his first ML win in his third game on July 18 vs. Minnesota.

- ◆ Went 1-0 on his first stint with the Tribe, with a 4.98 ERA in 10 games before he was optioned back to AAA on August 9.
- ◆ Spent rest of season with AAA Buffalo... Held American Association hitters to a .208 average... His 19 saves were third in the A.A.
- ◆ Recalled for second time after Buffalo was eliminated from the playoffs... Was 1-0 with a 3.38 ERA in five games with the Tribe... Take away three outings vs. Baltimore, and he was 2-0 with a 2.59 ERA in 12 games at the ML level in 1996.
- ◆ Was added to the 25-man Division Series roster in place of the injured Dennis Martinez.

OREL HERSHISER

- ◆ Produced the sixth 15+ win season of his career, going 15-9 in a team-high 33 starts with a 4.24 ERA.
- ◆ Went 11-5 over his last 21 starts with a 3.19 ERA from June 8 through the end of season... Lowered his ERA from 6.64 to 4.24 over that span.
- ◆ Was 5-0 in six June starts with a 1.83 ERA and was named AL "Pitcher of the Month"... Had a five-start winning streak from June 8-30 and did not allow an earned run over a 26.0-inning span between June 19-July 5.
- ◆ From June 8-July 22, he went 6-2 with a 0.85 ERA over 9 GS and lowered his ERA from 6.64 to 3.71...

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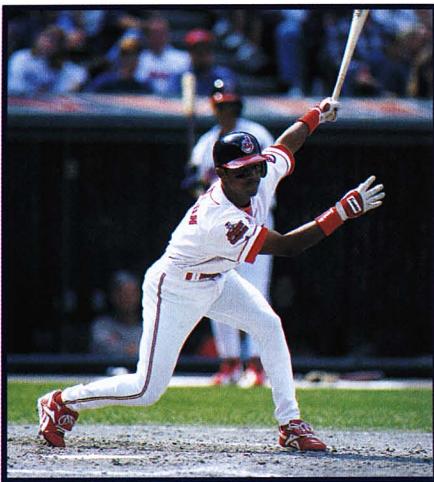
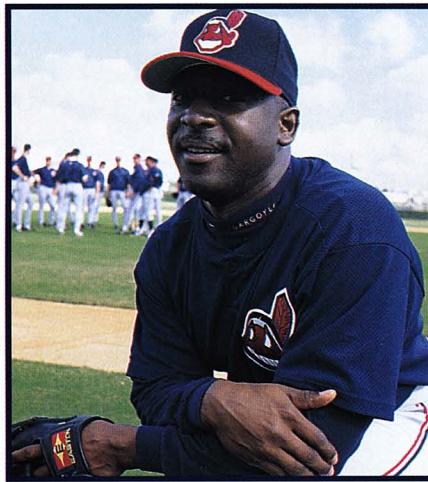


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Did not lose between May 28 and July 5... Didn't give up a home run from May 28-July 27, a span of 11 starts and 72.2 IP.

- ◆ Finished T4th among AL pitchers with 2.5 BB/9.0 IP... Indians were 22-11 in his 33 GS... Worked into the sixth inning in 25 of his 33 starts (20 of his last 22 starts)... In those starts he was 15-6 (3.22 ERA).
- ◆ Tossed lone complete game, July 17.
- ◆ Made one Post Season start, Game 2 at Baltimore on October 2... Did not get a decision in Baltimore's 7-4 win... His four Post Season wins with the Indians made him the all-time club leader.

DAMIAN JACKSON

- ◆ Spent entire AAA season with Buffalo, his first in his professional career... Outstanding season earned him a promotion to the Majors in September.
- ◆ Named to the American Assoc. Post Season All-Star Team.
- ◆ Was named A.A. "Player of the Week" from August 4-10... Went 4-5 with eight total bases on August 19 vs. New Orleans.
- ◆ Was recalled on September 11... Made his Major League debut the next night vs. California at Jacobs Field as a ninth inning defensive replacement at shortstop.
- ◆ Collected first ML hit September 14 vs. Oakland... Made first ML start in Chicago on September 18, where he went 1-4 with a 2B, and his first Major League RBI.

- ◆ Played with the Oriente Caribbeans in the Venezuelan Winter League.

MIKE JACKSON

- ◆ Spent season with the Seattle Mariners... Led the club with 73 appearances, the 2nd highest total of his career and fifth among A.L. relievers... Marked the seventh time in the last nine years he recorded 60 or more appearances... Finished 1996 as Seattle's all-time leader in appearances (335) and ERA (3.38)... Is second to Paul Assenmacher in this decade with 432 games.
- ◆ Started the season slowly... From July 1, he went 0-0 with three saves and a 1.75 ERA in 37 outings.
- ◆ Made 600th career appearance on August 4 at Detroit.
- ◆ Was 1-0 with four saves and a 2.66 ERA in 36 games at Kingdome... Was 0-0 with three saves and a 1.97 ERA in 34 second half games.

DAVID JUSTICE

- ◆ Acquired from the Atlanta Braves during Spring Training along with OF Marquis Grissom in exchange for OF Kenny Lofton and LHP Alan Embree.
- ◆ Suffered dislocation of right shoulder swinging at a pitch from then Pirates pitcher Denny Neagle in the second inning of a May 15 contest... Placed on the 15-day disabled list the next day, before being transferred to the 60-day DL on May 31, then missed the balance of the campaign...

Underwent successful anterior right shoulder reconstruction on May 23... Anticipated time for a full recovery was expected to be one year... Justice was able to take limited batting practice in September.

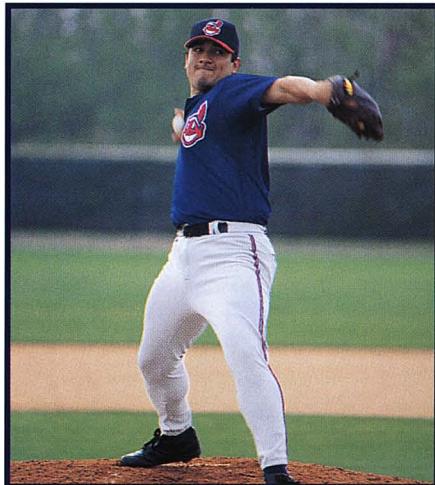
- ◆ Before his injury, he enjoyed a two-homer game vs. the Phillies on May 5 (4 RBI), the 11th of his career... Compiled a 10-game hitting streak April 18-27.



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1995 HIGHLIGHTS:

- ◆ Despite being plagued by injuries, had a productive year with 24 home runs and 78 RBI in 120 games.
- ◆ Missed nine games due to a bruised nerve in his right shoulder May 7-15... His first game back, went 4-for-5 with 2 2B, 1 HR, and 4 RBI... The four hits in a game tied his career high.
- ◆ Became the Braves all-time left-handed home run hitter with 154, moving him to fourth on the all-time Atlanta list... Also finished the season fourth on the Braves' all-time RBI list with 497.
- ◆ Had four game-winning hits in the Braves' last at-bat, including three homers.
- ◆ Reached base via a hit or walk in 104 of his 120 games... Had the 10th two-home run game of his career August 29 vs. Houston... Hit 20 of his 24 home runs from June 22 on... Hit .311 (33 for 106) in August.
- ◆ Tied for the team lead with 73 walks, which tied for seventh in the NL...



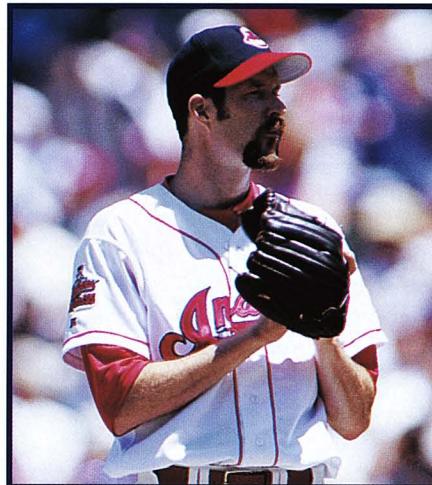
Ranked eighth in the NL by hitting one home run every 17.1 at-bats... Batted .302 at home and .349 with runners on third.

ALBIE LOPEZ

- ◆ Spent season between AAA Buffalo and the Majors... Was 2-0 with a 1.26 ERA over three starts in Buffalo at the time of his call up, April 22.
- ◆ Made '96 ML debut on April 23 vs. Baltimore and picked up his first win April 28 at Toronto... Made last start May 4 at Seattle and last appearance May 10 at California before his option back to AAA Buffalo on May 14... In his first stint with the Tribe, he went 1-2 with an 8.83 ERA in four outings... Recalled for the second time on August 1 to face the Toronto Blue Jays... Spent remainder of the season at the big league level.
- ◆ With AAA Buffalo, he went 10-2 with a 3.87 ERA in 17 starts.
- ◆ After recall on August 1 through the end of the season, he went 4-2 with a 5.44 ERA... Fanned season-high seven on August 27 at Tiger Stadium... His 6.1-inning outing was the longest by an Indians reliever on the season.
- ◆ Tossed a season-high 8.0 innings in the first start of the second stint on August 1 vs. Toronto.

JACK McDOWELL

- ◆ Enjoyed a solid season, compiling a record of 13-9 in 30 starts and five complete games.



- ◆ Was placed on the 15-day disabled list July 26 with a strained muscle in his right forearm... First time in his career he has been on the DL at the Major League level.
- ◆ Pitched into the seventh inning in 20 of his 30 starts (three of his last four), 10 of those going into the eighth inning or beyond.
- ◆ Had season-high five-game winning streak, April 15-May 16... Tossed 13th career shutout April 15 at Boston... Tossed second complete game of season and 59th of his career on May 16 vs. Detroit... Tossed consecutive complete games, his third CG at Texas on May 27 and his fourth at MIL on June 1... The 5 CG's finished T8th in the AL.
- ◆ Indians were 18-12 (.600) over his 30 starts.
- ◆ Did not get a decision in his only playoff outing with a 6.35 ERA... Started Game 3 of the Division Series in Cleveland vs. Baltimore.

JOSE MESA

- ◆ Saved 39 of his 44 opportunities on the season (88.6%), third among AL closers... His 39 saves were second in AL behind John Wetteland's 43 for the Yankees.
- ◆ Second Indians reliever to record back-to-back 30+ save seasons (Doug Jones, 1988-'90)... First blown save came on June 4 vs. Seattle... Dating back to 1995 it snapped a string of 28 save conversions, the fourth longest streak in ML history.

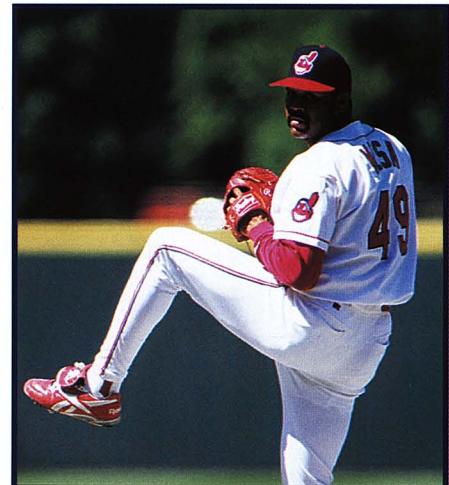


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- ◆ Saved both victories on May 3 in Seattle (third time in career two saves in one day)... First save was completion of the previous night's earthquake suspended game.
- ◆ Was named to second straight AL All-Star Team by Mike Hargrove... Didn't pitch in All-Star Game.
- ◆ Indians were 52-17 when he appeared in a game... Was 13-16 in one-run save conversions, 12-13 in two-run conversions, and 14-15 in three-run conversions.
- ◆ Was 0-1 with a 3.86 ERA in two games in the Division Series vs. Baltimore... After the season, he toured Japan with a group of Major League All-Stars... Over the eight-game series he went 0-0 with a 0.00 ERA and a team-high two saves in four games... Team USA won the series, 4-2-2... Tribe picked up '98 option on November 15.

KEVIN MITCHELL

- ◆ Split season between Boston and Cincinnati.
- ◆ Started a season-high seven straight games with the Sox from May 10-18.
- ◆ Collected Boston-high 4 RBI July 17 vs. New York... Went 7-11 in a 4 G series vs. Baltimore, July 18-21.
- ◆ Acquired by Cincinnati on July 30 in exchange for 2B Roberto Mejia and RHP Brad Tweedie... At the time, he was hitting .304... Had back-to-back six-game hitting streaks, August 18-23 and August 26-31.

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- ◆ Collected career-high 6 RBI on August 31 vs. Florida... In the game he went 3-4 with a HR and three RS... For the effort he was named NL "Player of the Week," August 26-September 1... Belted game-winning, three-run HR on September 7 vs. San Francisco... Finished the season on a .486 hitting binge with 25 RBI over his final 29 games.
- ◆ On the season he hit .316 with 15 2B, 8 HR, and 39 RBI in 64 games combined... Hit .400 off of left-handed pitching... Hit .438 with 4 HR and 11 RBI on the first pitch and .300 with 3 HR and 31 RBI with RISP.

CHARLES NAGY

- ◆ Tribe's most consistent starter in '96, leading the team with 17 wins in 22 decisions... Finished fourth in AL Cy Young voting... Equaled his career-high with 17 wins and topped the 200.0 inning mark for the first time since 1992... His 222.0 IP is second highest total of his career as were his 167 punch outs... Since August '94, he owns a record of 35-11 and since 6/28/95 he is 29-7.
- ◆ Finished fourth in the AL with 17 wins... His 3.41 ERA was third lowest in the AL... Second in the AL with a .773 winning %... His 167 Ks were 10th in AL, while his .255 average against ranked sixth in the Circuit... Allowed just 61 walks in 222.0 IP, T4th in the AL.

- ◆ Started the MLB All-Star Game in Philadelphia... Second career All-Star appearance, his first since '92.
- ◆ Over his last six starts on the year he was 5-1 with a 2.27 ERA and three complete games... Over the span, the league hit .215 off him.
- ◆ Started the season by posting an 11-1 mark with a 3.72 ERA over 14 starts... Left starts of June 21 vs. New York (day) and June 26 vs. Boston w/leads of 5-1 (8th inn) and

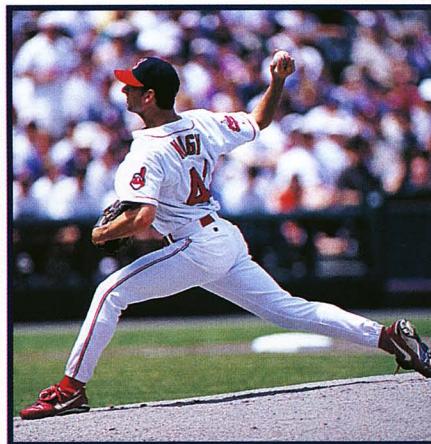


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4-1 (9th)... Did not get a win in either outing.

- ◆ Was 6-0 with a 2.60 ERA in six May starts... Named AL "Pitcher of the Month" for his efforts, first Indians player to do so since Rick Sutcliffe (Sept. 1982)... Was also named AL "Pitcher of the Month" for September... First Indians pitcher ever to notch two such awards in one year and the first in the AL since Roger Clemens in '92.
- ◆ Tossed complete games on May 14 vs. Detroit, August 10 at Oakland, August 26 at Detroit (struck out side in 9th), September 8 vs. Seattle, and his final start on September 25 vs. KC.
- ◆ Was 8-0 with a 2.53 ERA in 12 GS when he pitched following a Tribe loss... Recorded season-high by a Tribe starter and fourth career 10+ strikeout game on September 8 (day) vs. Seattle.
- ◆ Batters hit .214 off him with MISP, fourth lowest among AL starters.
- ◆ Started Games 1 and 4 in the Division Series vs. Baltimore...

Tagged with the loss in Game 1 at Baltimore... Didn't get a decision in Game 4, October 5, despite equaling a career-high 12 strikeouts.

CHAD OGEA

- ◆ Established himself as a quality ML starter in 1996, compiling career-highs in wins (10), Gs (29), starts (21), Ks (101), and IP (146.2).
- ◆ Began the season as the Tribe's fifth starter... Placed on the 15-day DL on April 27 with tendonitis in right shoulder.
- ◆ Sent to AAA Buffalo on a rehab assignment May 15... Made three rehab starts before being activated and optioned to AAA Buffalo on May 27... Had two more AAA starts before being recalled on June 8.
- ◆ After his recall, went 8-6 (4.25 ERA).
- ◆ Was 7-6 with a 4.16 ERA in 21 starts... Indians were 14-7 over his

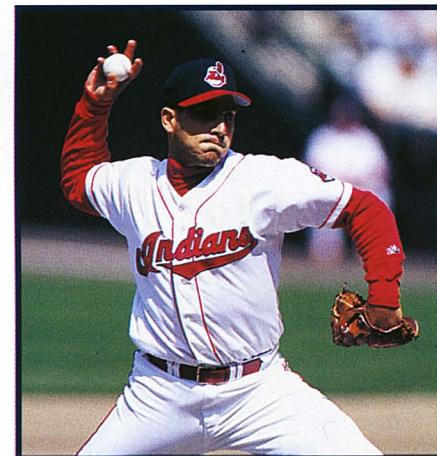


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21 starts... Renamed fifth starter on June 27... Was 7-5 with a 3.90 ERA in 18 starts after entering the rotation for good on July 2.

- ◆ Equalled career-high seven strikeouts in start at Seattle August 8... Allowed just one infield single over 8.0 shutout innings in Tribe's 2-1 win... Over his last 11 GS on year he was 5-3 w/a 3.01 ERA... Tossed his first ML shutout on September 4 at Milwaukee in 7-0 Tribe win.
- ◆ Out of the bullpen he retired seven of eight first batters faced in eight relief appearances... First batters hit .000 (0-8) off him... Inherited seven runners, one scored.

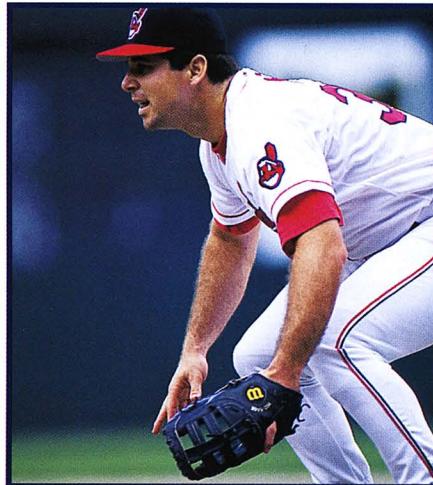
- ◆ Owns a career mark of 12-2 at Jacobs Field with a 3.47 ERA.

HERBERT PERRY

- ◆ Started season at Buffalo... Hit in a team-high 17 straight games for the Bisons from May 1-26... Over the streak he hit .420... Had four hits on April 25 vs. New Orleans... When recalled from Buffalo on June 7, he was hitting .338.
- ◆ Appeared in seven games for the Indians, three starts at first... Optioned back to AAA on June 22.
- ◆ Injured his knee three days later... Was placed on the AAA disabled list on June 27... Missed the remainder of the regular season.
- ◆ Reported to the Tribe's Florida Instructional League in mid-September... Knee did not respond well to rehab activity... Underwent second arthroscopic procedure on October 11.
- ◆ While with Buffalo this season, he hit .352 with RISP, .333 vs. LHP, and .339 vs. RHP.

ERIC PLUNK

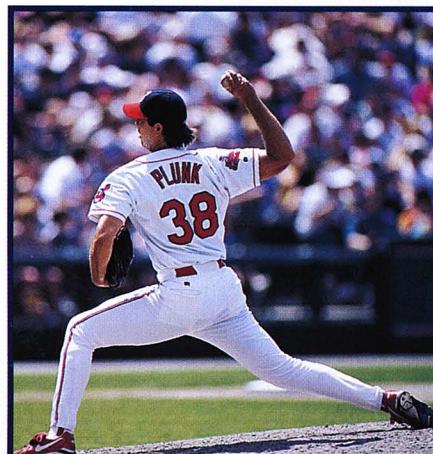
- ◆ His 2.43 ERA was fourth among AL relievers in '96... Went 3-1 with two saves and a 1.89 ERA over his final 53 appearances... Did not allow a run in 42 of his 56 outings.
- ◆ Recorded first save of 1996 May 1 vs. Chicago... Second save came in the Central Division title clincher on September 17 at Chicago (one of four outings in '96 he went 3.0+ IP)... Whiffed a season-high five batters on July 28 at Baltimore... Had scoreless streaks of nine and seven games on the year.
- ◆ Tribe was 17-8 when he appeared in a game in the second half of the season... Made 500th career appearance on June 26 at Boston.
- ◆ Held AL hitters to a .203 average against (fourth among AL firemen)... Right-handed hitters hit just .170 off him while lefties hit .237... Inherited 49 runners (32 in SP), 11 scored (22.4%, the sixth lowest among AL relievers).
- ◆ Was 2-1 at home with a 2.92 ERA



in 27 games and 1-1 with a 1.99 ERA on the road in 29 outings.

MANNY RAMIREZ

- ◆ Enjoyed second straight 30+ HR, 100+ RBI season at age 24... Amassed career-highs in hits (170), 2B (45), HR (33), RBI (112), G (152), and RS (94)... Also collected a career-best 85 walks... Finished sixth in the AL in doubles (45), ninth in total bases (320), T1st in grand slams (3), and sixth in extra-base hits (81)... Also led AL



outfielders with 19 assists.

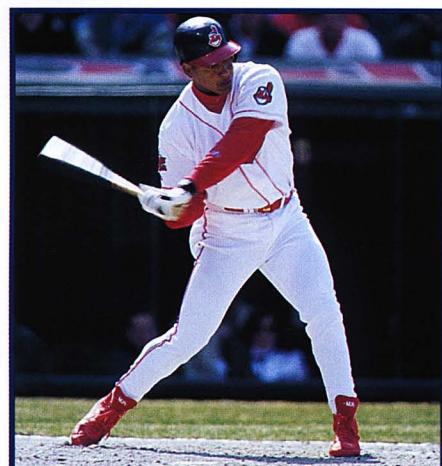
- ◆ Had a career-high 15-game hitting streak June 29-July 16... Over the streak he hit .390 with 10 2B, 3 HR, 14 RBI... Enjoyed fifth career 2-HR game on April 21 vs. Boston and sixth career 2-HR game on June 27 at Chicago... Enjoyed second and third career four-hit games, September 17 at Chicago and August 3 vs. Baltimore... Hit career-

high three doubles on August 18 vs. Detroit... Came within a double of hitting for the cycle on April 7 vs. Toronto.

- ◆ Tribe was 22-9 when he HR'd... In the second half, he hit .341.
- ◆ Hit .305 with MISP and .353 w/MISP and two outs... Hit .278 with the bases loaded with 3 HR and 18 RBI.
- ◆ Hit .375 in the Division Series vs. Baltimore with a team-high four extra-base hits... Hit homers in Game 1 in Baltimore off of David Wells and Game 3 off of Mike Mussina.

KEVIN SEITZER

- ◆ Hit .386 with 10 2B, 1 HR, and 16 RBI in 22 games for the Indians after he was acquired from the Brewers in exchange for Jeremy Burnitz on August 31.
- ◆ Hit in 18 of his 22 games for the Indians... Tribe was 19-7 in September after the trade... Made five starts for the Indians at 1B and 17 at DH... On the season at 1B he made only two errors in 578 total chances.
- ◆ Hit fourth career grand slam with the Tribe (only HR w/CLE) September 17 at Chicago off Alex Fernandez... The four RBI equaled his season-high... Had 4 RBI on April 18 at Kansas City.
- ◆ Was hitting .316 at the time of the trade in 132 games for Milwaukee... Made 12 starts at 3B for Milwaukee and 61 at 1B (54 at DH)... On the



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season, his .326 combined average was 19th highest in the American League and a career-high... His .416 on-base percentage was seventh in the AL.

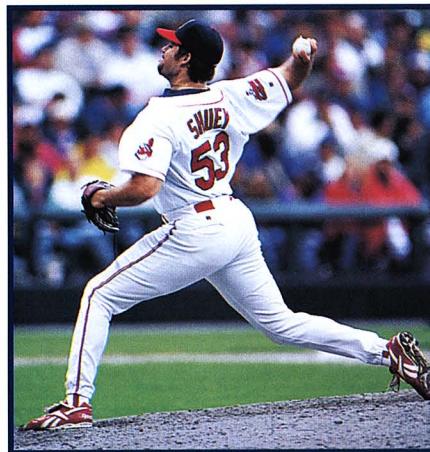
- ◆ Had a season-high 14-game hitting streak September 10-28... Over that span, he hit .444 with 13 RBI... Came from the Brewers on August 31 with a 12-game hitting streak and extended it to 13 in his debut on September 1... Went 4-5 in that game... Had four hits June 7 at Boston and September 28 at Kansas City.
- ◆ Hit .308 off of RHP and .368 vs. LHP... The .368 mark was 10th best in the AL... Hit .299 w/MISP and .429 w/ bases loaded.

PAUL SHUEY

- ◆ Began the season at AAA Buffalo... Was involved in an automobile accident on April 3 when his car spun off an icy road.
- ◆ Was recalled on April 12... Had not allowed a run in two outings up to that point... Was optioned back to AAA on April 21... Later discovered he was suffering post-traumatic disorder from his accident during his first stint with the Tribe.
- ◆ Went back to AAA and posted a record of 3-2 with a 0.81 ERA and four saves in 19 games... Recalled June 10 and spent the remainder of the season at the big league level.
- ◆ Over his second stint with the Tribe he went 5-1 with a 1.75 ERA and four saves in 39 games... ERA went

from 27.00 over first stint to 2.85... Struck out a career-high six Orioles on August 4 in 2.1 IP.

- ◆ Retired 30 of 42 first batters faced in his 42 relief appearances... Tribe was 27-15 when he appeared in a game... Inherited 19 runners (13 in SP), six scored.
- ◆ First batters faced hit just .189, eighth lowest in the AL... Limited opponents to a .185 average with runners on base, fourth among AL relievers... His 2.85 ERA was eighth lowest among AL relievers... In the second half, he was 3-0 with a 1.89 ERA.



JIM THOME

- ◆ Registered career-highs in HR (38), RBI (116), walks (123), hits (157), runs (122), and AB (505)... Selected to his second straight Post Season All-Star Team at 3B by *The Sporting News*... Also won his first Hillerich & Bradsby Silver Slugger Award.
- ◆ His 38 HR were the most by AL 3B and the most by an Indians left-handed hitter since Al Trosky hit 42 in 1936.
- ◆ Became just the second Indians player ever to score 100+ runs, hit 30+ HR, collect 100+ walks, and drive in 100+ RBI (Al Rosen in 1950)... Besides Thome, only Rosen (53) and George Brett (85) have hit .300+ with 30+ HR and 100+ RBI among AL 3B since 1953.
- ◆ Set a franchise record by drawing 123 walks... Broke manager Mike

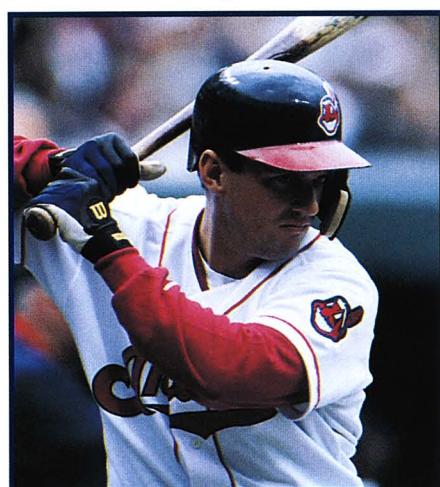


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Hargrove's record of 111 in 1980... Finished T11th in AL in HR (38), seventh in RS (122), T2nd in walks (123), fourth in on-base % (.450), and eighth in slugging % (.612)... Collected career-high 116 RBI in just 65 games... Had 31 multi-RBI games in '96.

- ◆ Had three 2-HR games in '96 and enjoyed two four-hit games... Hit first career grand slam (off Gregg Olson) on August 18 vs. Detroit... In the game he went 4-5 with 2 HR and 6 RBI (a career-high).
- ◆ Collected 100th RBI on September 8 (day) vs. Seattle... Homered in four straight games two times in '96... Collected career-high four walks on July 24 at Toronto... Had 30 multi-walk games... Led the team with five triples.
- ◆ Hit .339 off of RHP (T4th in the AL)... In the second half, he hit .295 off lefties... Hit .306 w/MISP and .353 with bases loaded... From June 12 through the end of the season he hit .347 with RISP.
- ◆ Hit .300 in the Division Series vs. Baltimore with no extra-base hits despite playing the last three games with a broken bone in his right hand... Had surgery to remove the hamate bone on October 30.

ROBBY THOMPSON

- ◆ Finished the season as the Giants career leader among San Francisco 2B in G (1304), AB (4612), R (671), H (1187), 2B (238), 3B (39), HR (119), RBI (458), and SB (103)... Missed 99 games due to three stints on the disabled list.
- ◆ Made 11th consecutive Opening Day start at 2B for the Giants on April 1 in Atlanta... The fourth player in Giants history to accomplish the feat... Was on the 15-day DL from April 6-20 with a pulled muscle in his right side... Was placed on the 15-day DL June 1 with "whiplash syndrome," suffered while diving for a ground ball on May 24... Activated on June 16.
- ◆ Was placed on the 15-day DL on July 26 for the last time with a torn

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right hip flexor... Reinstated on September 17 and spent the rest of the season on the active roster.

OMAR VIZQUEL

- ◆ Collected career-highs in R (98), H (161), 2B (36), HR (9), RBI (64), and SB (35)... Also hit a career-high .297.
- ◆ Won fourth straight Rawlings Gold Glove award... First AL shortstop to win four in a row since Tony Fernandez won four straight with the Blue Jays.
- ◆ His 64 RBI were the most by a Tribe SS since Julio Franco (74 in 1986).
- ◆ Was 35-44 on SB attempts in '96... Stole career-high 30th base on August 12 at California... Finished fifth in the AL in SB (35)... Was the sixth hardest batter to fan in the AL.
- ◆ Equaled his career-high 6 RBI in a game on June 18 vs. Boston... In the game he hit his second career grand slam.

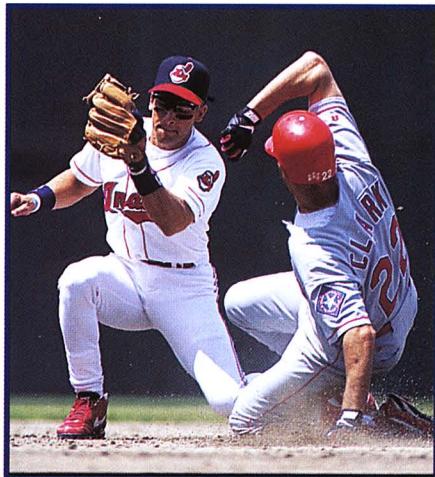
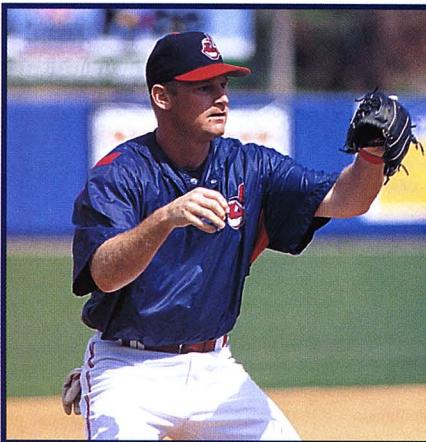


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- ◆ Had two four-hit games in '96... Set a career-high by scoring four runs vs. Chicago on July 7... Had an 11-game hitting streak June 9-20... Put 30 bunts in play in '96, T5th in the AL... Hit .615 with the bases loaded with 1 HR and 16 RBI.

MATT WILLIAMS

- ◆ Acquired this past off-season in a trade from the Giants... Has 20+



HR in each of his seven full seasons in the Majors since 1990... A four-time member of the NL All-Star Team and has three Rawlings Gold Glove awards... Also owns three Silver Slugger awards.

- ◆ Posted second straight .300+ season and finished second on the club to Barry Bonds in HR (22) and RBI (85) despite missing the last two months of the season... Leaves SF ranked fourth in club history in career HR (247) and 10th in RBI (732).
- ◆ Injured his shoulder on July 16 in Colorado breaking up a double play attempt at second base by Walt Weiss in the sixth inning... Moved across to first base in the seventh inning (first career appearance at 1B)... Started 12 of the next 15 games at first base before being placed on the DL August 5... Had arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder August 17.
- ◆ Voted the National League's starting 3B in the All-Star Game but was unable to play due to a severely bruised left elbow after being hit by a pitch on July 6 at San Diego...

Third time he was elected...

Became first San Francisco Giant to start eight straight Opening Days.

- ◆ Collected 1000th career hit on April 26 vs. Florida off Kevin Brown... Hit safely in a team-high 14 straight games April 22-May 8... Hit safely in 82 of the 105 games on the year... Of his 22 homers, 13 either tied the game or gave SF the lead... Hit homers in three straight contests, May 3-7, for the fifth time in his career.

ENRIQUE WILSON

- ◆ Spent the entire season with AA Canton-Akron before a late season call-up to AAA Buffalo... Appeared in 113 games at shortstop for the little Indians and one game at second base... Was named to the Eastern League Post Season All-Star Team... Finished T7th in the EL with a .307 average.
- ◆ Had two nine-game hitting streaks for the Indians... Hit .363 with 9 2B, 1 3B, 4 HR, and 25 RBI off LHP and .272 off RHP with 8 2B, 4 3B, 1 HR, and 25 RBI.
- ◆ Stole a team-high 23 bases in 39 attempts for the Indians... Went 4-6 with 2 2B and 3 RS on June 17 vs. Reading... His 75 double plays turned led EL shortstops.
- ◆ Promoted to Buffalo August 31... Went 4-5 with a 2B and a RS on September 1 vs. the Sounds in his first AAA start... Two of his three appearances with the Herd came at third base.



SLIDER

Age: 6, born July 29, 1990

Position: Mascot

Bats: Yes!

Throws: Anything not nailed down

Height: Gigantic!

Weight: A Lot!

Resides: In an underground cave behind home plate



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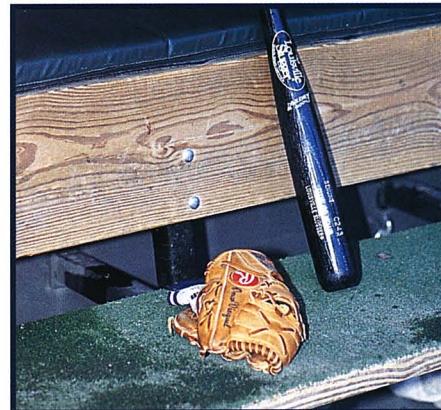
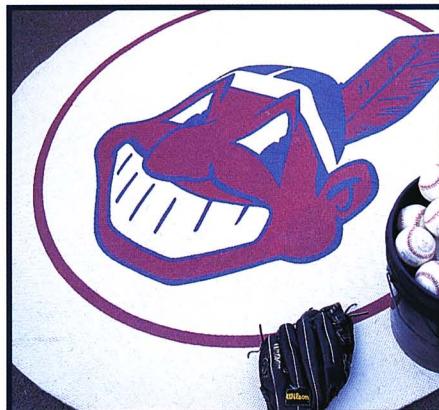
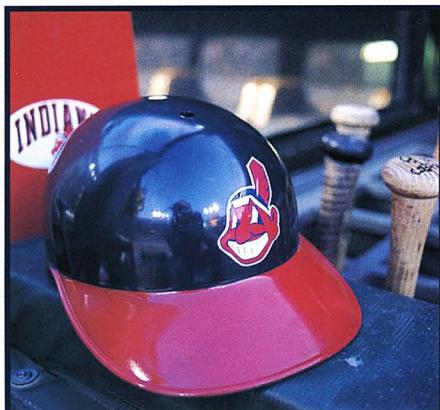


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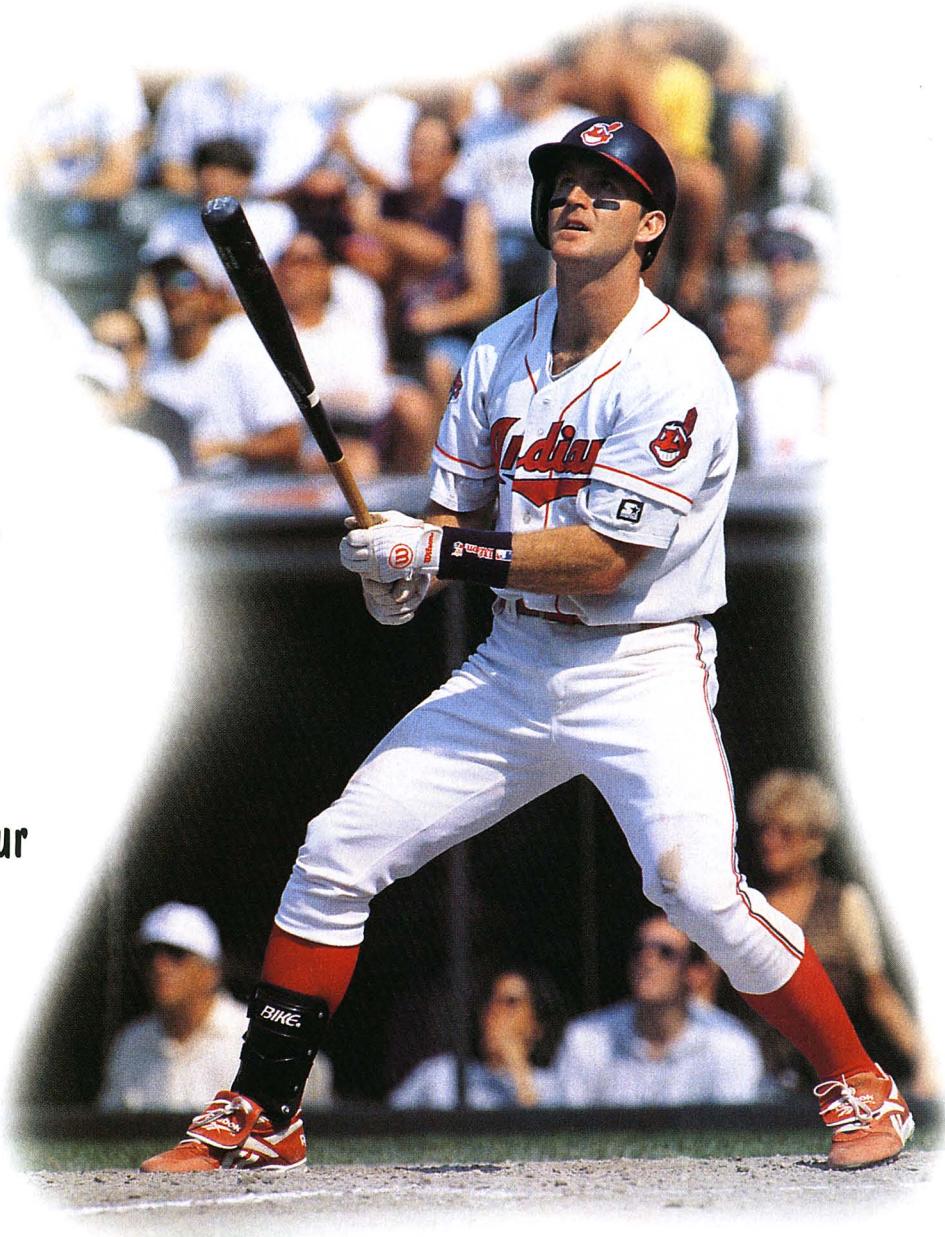


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